GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2380 TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2019

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS AND FOODGRAINS TO KARNATAKA

2380. SHRI G.M. SIDDESHWAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपओक्ता मामले, खादय और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any efforts to expedite the allocation of adequate foodgrains, pulses, sugar and edible oils to Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the total quantum supplied to Karnataka during the last three years;

(c) whether the Government has provided adequate funds for the development of godowns and cold storages in Karnataka; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the total amount of funds disbursed by the Union Government for the purpose during the last four years, till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a)& (b): Govt. of India makes allocation of foodgrains(wheat & rice) to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in terms of National Food Security Act(NFSA), 2013. The Act is being implemented in all the States/UTs including Karnataka.

In addition to NFSA, Govt. of India also makes additional allocation of foodgrains for festivals & natural calamities based on the request of State/UT Govt.

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Govt. of India also allocates foodgrains under five welfare schemes namely Wheat Based Nutrition Programme(WBNP), Mid Day Meal Scheme(MDM), Scheme for Adolescent Girls(SAG), Allocation of foodgrains under Welfare Institutions & Hostel Scheme and Annapurna Scheme. Foodgrains are allocated under MDM and WBNP Schemes at NFSA rates and under SAG, Annapurna and Welfare Institutions and Hostels Scheme at BPL rates.

Responsibility for distribution of Foodgrains within the State/UT rests with the concerned State/UT Govt.

The details of foodgrains allocated by Government of India to the State of Karnataka for distribution under the above mentioned schemes during the last three years and the current year is as under:

| Year | Allocation of foodgrains | | | |
|----------|--------------------------|-------|-------|--|
| | Rice | Wheat | Total | |
| 2016-17 | 23.54 | 6.15 | 29.69 | |
| 2017-18 | 28.65 | 1.15 | 29.80 | |
| 2018-19 | 28.32 | 0.82 | 29.14 | |
| 2019-20* | 17.60 | 0.78 | 18.38 | |

(Figures In Lakh Metric Tonnes)

*Upto October, 2019

Further, a scheme is also implemented by Govt. of India for release of pulses to States/UTs at discounted rate to be utilized viz. MDM, ICDS, PDS from the stock of pulses procured under PSS with a Central Subsidy of Rs.15 per kg over the issue price as a "One time measure" on "First Come-First Serve" and "First in-first Out(FIFO) basis for a period of 12 months or till present PSS pulses stock of 34.88 lakh MT lasts, whichever is earlier. The duration of the scheme was elapsed on 30.09.2019. Based on the indents received from Govt. of Karnataka under the above scheme, allocation was made for the paid stock of 99,486 MT of Toor. Till, 25.11.2019, State Govt. has lifted 98,717 MT.

The Central Government is reimbursing a fixed subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg @ 1 Kg per month per AAY family to participating States/UTs. Accordingly, monthly quota of 1199.70 MT of sugar(@ 1 kg per family)for 11.997 lakh AAY families, has been fixed for PDS under Sugar Subsidy Scheme in respect of Karnataka.

There is no scheme for allocation of edible oil by the Central Government to any State.

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(c) & (d): No funds have been released under Central Sector Scheme for construction of godowns by the Department of Food & Public Distribution in Karnataka. Hence, no new development (construction) of godown has taken place in Karnataka for last four years. However, adequate funds have been provided on regular basis for repair/maintenance & upgradation of godowns provided/allocated in last four years to Karnataka. The details of fund allocated to Karnataka Region for repairs and maintenance of godowns is as below:-

| S. | Year | Type of works (Rs. in lakh) | | | |
|----|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| | <i>1</i> 4 | Annual Repair Maintenance Operations (ARMO) | Minor Capital Work (MCW) | Cement Concrete Road (CC) | |
| 1 | 2015-16 | 650 | 133 | 272 | |
| 2 | 2016-17 | 480 | 90 | 310 | |
| 3 | 2017-18 | 450 | 106 | 200 | |
| 4. | 2018-19 | 500 | 75 | 290 | |
| 5. | 2019-20 (as on 31.10.2019) | 380 | 225 | 500 | |

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture(MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented w.e.f 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. All States and UTs are covered under MIDH. Under MIDH, assistance is also provided for establishment of infrastructure relating to cold chain management viz. pre-cooling units, on farm pack houses, mobile pre-cooling units, staging cold rooms, cold storage units, integrated cold refrigerated vans/containers, chain supply system, primary/mobile ripening chambers, evaporative/low processing units, energy cool chambers, preservation units etc. under Integrated Post Harvest Management component of MIDH. Details of funds allocated and released to State Horticulture Mission, Karnataka for carrying out horticulture development activities (including cold storage) during the last four years and the current year is as under:

| | | | (Rs. In Crore) |
|------|----------|------------------|----------------|
| S.No | Year | Allocation (Gol) | Release (Gol) |
| 1. | 2015-16 | 81.50 | 78.35 |
| 2. | 2016-17 | 72.97 | 75.00 |
| 3. | 2017-18 | 72.97 | 76.26 |
| 4. | 2018-19 | 130.00 | 119.26 |
| 5. | 2019-20* | 130.00 | 63.71 |

*as on 28.11.2019
