2888. PROF. SOUGATA RAY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non-National Food Security Act (NFSA) card holders have to pay rupees 21/kg for rice and rupees 22/kg for wheat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this is likely to cause inconvenience for common people and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the margin to dealers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): No Sir, foodgrains are sold under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to National Food Security Act (NFSA) card holders @ Rs.3/2/1 per kg for rice/wheat/coarsegrains respectively.

For catering to the foodgrain requirement of the States/UTs over and above the TPDS (NFSA), provision has been made for sale of wheat and rice to States/UTs at Rs. 21/- per Kg and Rs. 22/- per Kg respectively by FCI, as per their locally assessed requirements.

(b): Does not arise.
(c): No Sir, since there is provision for a substantially high coverage of 81.35 Crore persons under NFSA all over the country to provide foodgrains as detailed in part (a) above.

(d): The details of fair price shop dealers’ margin and sharing specified in the Rules are as follows:

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<th>Category of State</th>
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*Note: Special category States include 8 States of North East including Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Uttarakhand, Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep.

State Governments however have the flexibility to fix the actual rate (Norms of expenditure), but the Central assistance is restricted to Central share based on the actual rate or the norms of expenditure mentioned in the table above, whichever is lower.