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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.530 TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021

ADDITIONAL FOOD GRAIN TO STATES

530. SHRIMATI PRATIMA MONDAL:

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

- (a) the norms laid down to provide additional foodgrains to States hit by natural calamities;
- (b) whether the Government has received requests, seeking additional allocation of foodgrains from States to distribute it among families affected by floods in various States and if so, the details thereof along with the quantum of foodgrains provided to the States;
- (c) whether foodgrains have been provided free of cost as central assistance; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): As per extant norms, in case of natural calamities, the allocation of foodgrains for 3 months of demand can be made to the States/UTs on the basis of the request received so that the relief measures are not affected. However, for the demands beyond 3 months the proposal must be recommended by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (in case of drought) and Ministry of Home Affairs (in case of natural calamities other than drought & law and order situations). The allocation of foodgrains is made at MSP/ MSP derived rates for wheat and rice respectively. Responsibility for distribution of foodgrains lies with the State Governments/Union Territories concerned.

The details of allocation of foodgrains made due to natural calamities in States/UTs during the past three years is at annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 530 FOR ANSWER ON 01.12.2021 IN THE LOK SABHA

Additional allocation of foodgrains (in MTs) made by GOI for flood relief during last three years:

2017-18

States	Rice	Wheat	Total
Assam	10000	0	10000
Bihar	27523	0	27523
Manipur	14000	6000	20000
Nagaland	2571	0	2571

2018-19

States	Rice	Wheat	Total
Assam	15000	0	15000
Kerala	89540	0	89540
Maharashtra	100	50	150
Manipur	2000	0	2000

2019-20

States	Rice	Wheat	Total		
Assam	15000	0	15000		
Maharashtra	8081	8081	16161		