

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2770
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD AUGUST, 2022**

RICE FORTIFICATION

2770. SHRI P RAVINDHRANATH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has decided to operationalize standards for fortified rice kernels (FRKs) to strengthen the national-level fortification programme in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has also planned to cover all the districts by March, 2023 under the rice fortification programme; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the follow up action proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?**

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has notified draft Food Safety and Standards (Food Product Standards and Food Additives) Amendment Regulations, inter-alia, with regard to standards for Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) on 25th May, 2022 for inviting public comments. Meanwhile, to strengthen national level fortification programme and its implementation, FSSAI has operationalised these provisions on 23rd June, 2022 with immediate effect.

(c) & (d): The Government has approved the supply of fortified rice throughout the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and in Other Welfare Schemes of Government of India in all States and Union Territories (UTs) in a phased manner by the year 2024. Nearly 350 LMT of fortified rice is required for distribution in all Government Schemes including TPDS, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM-POSHAN) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWSs) by 2024. Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Agencies have commenced the procurement of fortified rice and around 142 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) of Fortified Rice has already been procured so far. Instructions have been issued to all States/UTs to build up necessary infrastructure for rice fortification and to ensure adherence to deadline with regular monitoring.
