

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 844  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026**

**PURCHASING OF FOODGRAINS**

†844. **SHRI ARUN GOVIL:**

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

- (a): whether there is any proposal by the Government to provide an advance to Union/State Governments and Public Sector Undertaking employees for purchasing foodgrains for one year which is likely to be recovered in ten instalments, with a view to reducing the burden of procurement, transportation, storage, re-transportation and distribution currently undertaken by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution;
- (b): whether expenditure is likely to be reduced by the implementation of the said scheme as compared to the existing system; and
- (c): if so, the time by which the Government is likely to implement the said scheme?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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(a) to (c): At present, no such proposal is under consideration by the Government.

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