GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1449 TO BE ANSWERED ON 08th DECEMBER, 2015

FOODGRAINS FOR CALAMITIES

1449. DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the States have submitted their wheat and rice requirements for drought and flood relief operations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto indicating the quantum of wheat and rice sought by the States and the quantum allocated by the Government during each of the last three years, State and category wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to adopt fixed criterion for distribution of foodgrains to the needy States, in case of calamities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

- (a) & (b): Requests have been received from State Governments for additional foodgrains for drought/flood relief. State-wise details of quantities of wheat and rice required by the States and the quantities allocated by the Government of India for drought/flood relief during the last three years are at Annexure.
- (c) & (d): To consider such requests, the Government has formulated a policy in January 2014 according to which, the Government allocates additional foodgrains to the States/Union Territories(UTs) for natural calamities at Minimum Support Price(MSP)/ MSP derived prices for wheat and rice respectively subject to availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool on request of the concerned State Government/UT Administration.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1449 FOR ANSWER ON 08.11.2015 IN THE LOK SABHA

State and category-wise details of quantum of wheat and rice requested by the States and allocated by Government of India for drought/flood relief during 2012-13 to 2014-15.

(In tons)

State	Quantity demanded	of	foodgrains	Quantity allocated	of	foodgrains	Purpose
	Wheat	Rice	Total	Wheat	Rice	Total	
2012-13							
Assam	0	35000	35000	0	20000	20000	Flood relief
Maharashtra	30000	30000	60000	30000	30000	60000	Drought relief
Karnataka	57200	300000	357200	57200	300000	357200	Drought relief
Meghalaya	0	500	500	0	500	500	Flood relief
2013-14							
Assam	0	35000	35000	0	35000	35000	Flood relief
Bihar	100010	100010	200020	100010	100010	200020	Flood relief
Kerala	657	5963	6620	657	5963	6620	Flood relief
Maharashtra	180312	147528	327840	180312	147528	327840	Drought relief
Uttarakhand	2000	2000	4000	2000	2000	4000	Flood relief
2014-15							
Assam	0	35000	35000	0	35000	35000	Flood relief
Bihar	25000	25000	50000	25000	25000	50000	Flood relief
J&K	20320	107026	127346	20320	107026	127346	Flood relief
