

**Statement-III**

*District-wise details of the beneficiaries identified under Annapoorna scheme in Kerala*

Name of the District	No. of beneficiaries identified
Thimvnanthapuram	3720
Kollam	2793
Pathanamthitta	1648
Alappuzha	2587
Kottayam	1866
Idukki	1490
Emakulam	2874
Thirissur	1898
Palakkad	2760
Malappuram	4026
Kozhikode	3539
Wayanad	853
Kannur	1531
Kassargode	1560
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>33145</b>

**Quality of PDS Rice in Tamil Nadu**

2642. SHRIMATIS. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any report from the Government of Tamil Nadu regarding the quality of rice available for the Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRIASHOK PRADHAN):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Room for new stock of foodgrains

2643. SHRIPREMCHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: *i*

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are yet to empty the granaries to make room for new stocks of foodgrains in the market even as the paddy procurement season is on ;

(b) whether it would take nearly three years to empty the godowns which hold a staggering 1.5 crore metric tonnes of wheat going by the current rate at which the wheat stock is being moved; and

(c) if so, what action Government are taking to tackle this problem ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Sufficient storage capacity is being made available to receive new foodgrains stocks.

(b) The wheat stocks available in the Central Pool (as on 1-10-2001) is 36.8 million tonnes as against a buffer norm of 11.6 million tonnes.

The offtake of foodgrains (under all Schemes) during the last three years is as follows:

(in million tonnes)	
Year	Offtake of wheat
1999-2000	9.9
2000-2001	6.6
2001-2002	8.2*
(* Projected upto 31-3-2001)	
TOTAL	24.7