

Central Food Security Fund

3883. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

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

- (a) whether Government has decided to set up a Central Food Security Fund to monetarily compensate the BPL beneficiaries of the Targeted Public Distribution System;
- (b) if so, the facts and details thereof;
- (c) whether State Governments that fail to provide the mandatory rations to entitled BPL families will have to bear the cost of any such compensation; and
- (d) if so, how Central Government plans to monitor the new deal for BPL families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The Government is committed to the enactment of the National Food Security Act which, *inter alia*, envisages entitling every family below the poverty line to a certain quantity of foodgrains each month at subsidized prices. Details of the proposed legislation are being worked out. Once the draft National Food Security Bill is finalised, it would be placed on the website of the Department of Food and Public Distribution for public scrutiny and comments.

Failure of PDS

3884. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI D. RAJA:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD:

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

- (a) whether the Central Vigilance Committee appointed by the Supreme Court has recently slammed the Public Distribution System as one of the most corrupt schemes in the country;
- (b) if so, the facts thereof and whether the root causes of the failure of PDS in several States have been ascertained;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether in view of the CVC report on the poor functioning of PDS, the Union Government proposes to take any steps to evaluate and improve the functioning of the PDS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (e) The Central Vigilance Committee