

Statement

*List of Private Universities in respect of which compliance report has been
called by UGC (As on 14th July, 2010)*

Sl.No.	Name of Private Universities	Date of Inspection
MIZORAM		
1.	The Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India University, Salem Veng, Chaltlang, Aizawal - 798 012, Mizoram.	12-13/08/2009
RAJASTHAN		
2.	Jagannath University, Vill.-Rampura, Teshil - Chaksu, Jaipur.	13-14/07/2009
3.	Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Mahal Jagatpura, Jaipura, Rajasthan.	21-22/10/2009
UTTAR PRADESH		
4.	Amity University Uttar Pradesh at Gautam Budha Nagar (UP).	16-17/07/2009
UTTARAKHAND		
5.	Himgiri Nabh Vishwavidyalaya (University in the Sky), Dehradun.	14-15/11/2009

Online PDS scheme

*99. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to transfer food entitlements to ration card holders through an electronic system once the Public Distribution System (PDS) is linked to Unique ID or Aadhar's central data repository;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed online scheme; and

(c) to what extent the fake ration cardholders/beneficiaries are likely to be unearthed by this online PDS scheme?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) to (c) Government has already initiated action to transfer food entitlements through an electronic system to beneficiaries under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) by taking up pilot schemes on Computerisation of TPDS operations and Smart Card based delivery of essential commodities. Action has also been taken to circulate a working paper of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) on Aadhaar based reforms in TPDS to all State/UT Governments.

The pilot scheme on Computerisation of TPDS operations envisages among others making real-time information available, ensure effectiveness of service delivery, and put in place a grievance redressal mechanism.

In the pilot scheme on Smart Cards, the existing ration cards will be replaced by smart cards which will store biometric features (fingerprints) of adult members of beneficiary families. This is intended to eliminate lifting of TPDS commodities by persons other than the genuine beneficiaries.

‘PAU 201’ a new rice variety

*100. SARDAR SUKH DEV SINGH DHINDSA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has directed the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to buy out bulk of the harvest from the ‘PAU 201’, a new variety of rice, which was damaged to the extent of over eight per cent in Punjab; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Punjab, through its agencies, procures wheat and paddy on behalf of Food Corporation of India (FCI) for Central Pool stocks. Government of India formulates uniform specifications for procurement of paddy and rice procurement is done strictly in conformity with these specifications. Uniform Specifications of raw rice for Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10, prescribe the limit of damaged/slightly damaged grains upto 3% and broken grains upto 25%. In view of higher damaged grains in PAU 201 variety rice and based on the request of the State Government, the limit of damaged/slightly damaged grains was relaxed to 4.75% in revenue divisions of Patiala, Faridkot and Ferozepur in Punjab and 4% in rest of the State and relaxations in broken grains was extended upto 28% for the entire state.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Effect of sub-standard seeds on agricultural production

†556. SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the agricultural production in some States is likely to be adversely affected due to use of sub-standard seeds;

(b) if so, whether Government has made any assessment of the quantum of foodgrains which have got affected due to use of such seeds;

(c) if so, the details of the decrease in the agricultural production during each of the last three years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.