

families @ Rs. 6.10 per kg. for wheat and Rs. 8.30 per kg. for rice. Presently, the allocations of foodgrains to APL families range between 15 kg. and 35 kg. per family per month.

In addition to allocation of foodgrains under TPDS, the Government makes allocations of foodgrains under other Welfare Schemes such as Mid-day-Meal Scheme and Wheat based Nutrition Programme also. Further, this Department has been making additional allocation of foodgrains to the State Governments/Union Territories Administrations in case of emergencies like floods, droughts, etc. Additional allocation of foodgrains has also been made from time to time depending upon the availability of stocks and requirement/requests received from States/UTs. Further, in September, 2010, Government has allocated to State/UT Governments an additional quantity of 25 lakh tonnes of wheat/rice on *ad hoc* basis at BPL prices for the next six months.

(b) and (c) As reported by Food Corporation of India (FCI), the quantity of damaged/non-issuable wheat as on 1.11.2010 in FCI's depots is estimated to be 3328 MT and 67540 MT with State Agencies of Punjab and Haryana. Wheat categorized as non-issuable/damaged is not issued for human consumption by FCI.

Revamp of PDS

1929. SHRI T.K. RANGARAJAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are demands to revamp the Public Distribution System in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal for making PDS universal;
- (d) if so, whether the Government consider introducing universal PDS;
- (e) if so, details thereto; and
- (f) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (f) The Department of Food and Public Distribution has got the functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) evaluated from time to time. The evaluation studies have, *inter-alia*, pointed out to certain shortcomings in the functioning of TPDS, such as inclusion/exclusion errors, leakages/diversion, etc.

The strengthening and streamlining of TPDS is a continuous process. To improve functioning of TPDS, Government has been regularly requesting State/UT Governments for continuous review of lists of BPL and AAY families, ensuring timely availability of foodgrains at fair price shops, ensuring greater transparency in functioning of TPDS,

improved monitoring and vigilance at various levels and introduction of new technologies such as Computerization of TPDS operations at various levels.

There have been demands for Universal Public Distribution System. However, Government is not considering to introduce Universal Public Distribution System as the focus on poor will get diluted. It would require procurement of huge quantities of wheat and rice which would result in less availability of foodgrains in the market, leading to rise in open market prices. If the same quantity of foodgrains is distributed equally among all, then the scale of issue will have to be reduced. Further, in order to manage the level of food subsidy, the issue prices of rice and wheat may have to be increased substantially from the present Central Issue Prices (CIPs) which have not been revised during the last eight to ten years. This may result in BPL and AAY families getting reduced scale of foodgrains and paying higher prices.

Assessment of college teachers by NAAC

1930. SHRI MOHAMMED ADEEB:

SHRI SABIR ALI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of universities and colleges across the country which have been accredited by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC); and

(b) whether teacher's performance is also proposed to be assessed by NAAC to motivate them to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) NAAC has assessed and accredited 159 Universities 4171 Colleges. The names of these institutions are readily available at the official website of NAAC: *www.naac.gov.in*.

(b) There is no such proposal.

Appointments in Government schools and colleges

1931. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that on the basis of fake certificates of Prabhakar, B.Sc., M.Com., B.Ed. and even doctorate, many people have managed their appointments in Government schools and colleges in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has been conducting any inquiry into the matter;

(d) if so, the results thereof;

(e) whether any steps have been taken/are being taken by Government against the people and university involved in the fake certificate and appointment rackets; and