

**Consumer price of items provided through PDS**

†860. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state the details of consumer prices and quantity of each item being provided to each person through Public Distribution System (PDS) in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): Rice, wheat and coarse grains are distributed under the Public Distribution System at highly subsidized prices of ₹3/2/1 per kg for rice/ wheat/ coarse grains respectively. While Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households that constitute the poorest of the poor are entitled to receive 35 kg of foodgrains per family per month, priority households are entitled to 5 kg per person per month. In addition to these foodgrains, each AAY household is also entitled to receive 1 kg of sugar per month at subsidized rate for which government is re-imbursing sugar subsidy to the participating States @ ₹1 8.50 per kg.

**Fall in sugar output**

861. SHRI D. KUPENDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that sugar output may fall up to 40 per cent in the country, especially in the drought-hit States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether Central Government has made any assessment of the impact of drastic fall in sugar output; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a) and (b) Presently estimates of sugar for the ensuing sugar season 2019-20 are not available. However, as per preliminary informations received from sugar producing states, the Government of Maharashtra & Karnataka has indicated that the sugar production in their states may remain lower than the current sugar season due to drought.

(c) and (d) Taking into account the surplus sugar stocks at the end of current sugar season, there shall be sufficient availability of sugar to meet domestic requirement during sugar season 2019-20.

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