

Responsibility for distribution of foodgrains, sugar and kerosene within the State/UT rests with the concerned State/UT Govt. wherein the responsibilities of identification of beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them and proper distribution of foodgrains to the eligible beneficiaries through fair price shops (FPIs) rest with the concerned State/UT Government.

Streamlining and upgradation of TPE'S is a continuous process. Department of Food & Public Distribution is implementing a scheme on 'End-to-End Computerisation of TPDS Operations' on cost sharing basis with the States/UTs. The scheme consists of activities namely, digitization of ration cards/beneficiary and other databases, computerization of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portals and grievance redressal mechanisms and installations of ePoS devices; at Fair Price Shops.

(d) Does not arise.

#### **Buffer stock of onions**

2151. SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total buffer stock capacity of onions in Government's warehouses;
- (b) the amount of onions disposed of in the year 2018-19; and
- (c) the reasons for their disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a) As of now, Government doesn't own any warehouse specifically designed for onions.

(b) and (c) About 13,510 metric tonnes of Rabi onion was procured during peak season and disposed off during lean season under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) by the Government through NAFED during the year 2018-19 for making appropriate price stabilizing market interventions.

#### **Foodgrains stock with FCI**

2152. SHRIMATI WANSUK SYIEM: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether grain stocks in Central Pool at around 73.6 million tonnes in