

1	2	3	4	5	6
23.	Tamil Nadu	2	6	2	—
24.	Uttarakhand	—	1	1	—
25.	Uttar Pradesh	17	46	33	27
26.	West Bengal	4	4	2	—
27.	Chandigarh	—	—	2	—
28.	Pondicherry	1	—	—	—
TOTAL :		94	169	174	66

Main issues raised through press reports relates to alleged leakage/diversion of foodgrains and that of other complaints from individuals/organizations relates to non-issue of ration cards, alleged non-distribution/diversion of foodgrains, irregular functioning of FPSs etc.

Ban on speculative trading

2823. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent rise in food prices is because of speculative trading;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is considering to put a ban on such trading; and
- (d) if so, by when such trading would be banned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir.

- (b) In view of the reply to part (a) above, question does not arise.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) In view of the reply to part (c) above, question does not arise.

Increasing procurement targets

2824. SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to increase procurement of grains from 10 million tonnes to 70 million tonnes;