

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.817
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH FEBRUARY, 2024**

RICE FORTIFICATION PROGRAMME IN ANDHRA PRADESH

817. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various districts covered under the rice fortification programme in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) the details of rice kernels distributed to people in Andhra Pradesh, district-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the Supreme Court's warning against distributing ironfortified rice to thalassemia and sickle cell disease patients and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the corrective measures taken by the Government, if any, to ensure that the distribution is well monitored and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government has taken any measures to educate people on the adverse effects of its consumption and if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): All 26 districts of Andhra Pradesh have been covered under Rice Fortification Initiative.

(b): Rice Fortification is the process of adding Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) containing Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)'s prescribed micronutrients (Iron, Folic Acid, Vitamin B12) to normal rice/Custom Milled Rice (CMR) in a ratio of 1:100 (Mixing 1 Kg of FRK with 100 Kg CMR). A total of approximately 12.82 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) of fortified rice has been distributed in Andhra Pradesh under Public Distribution System. District wise distribution of fortified rice is enclosed at Annexure-I.

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(c) & (d): No such warning has been issued by Supreme Court of India.

(e): On the intervention of Government of India, various States organized workshop/seminars in their respective districts to educate people. Nine such workshops were organized in the districts having tribal population to generate proper awareness about rice fortification with the participation of Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD), Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other stakeholders such as Field Experts, Medical Professionals, members of Media, prominent personalities, local leaders and Development Partners.

Government of India circulated the FSSAI Gazette notification dated 27th August 2021 titled Food Safety and Standards (Fortification of Foods) First Amendment Regulations, 2021 containing the information that *“Every package of food, fortified with Iron shall carry a statement –People with Thalassemia may take under medical supervision and person with Sickle Cell Anaemia are advised not to consume iron fortified food products” among all States/UTs for bringing it to the notice of all concerned and ensure strict compliance. States and UTs were also requested to display it at the Fair Price Shops appropriately along with the posters/banners about fortified rice.*

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has also issued advisory to Commissioners of Food Safety of all States/UTs to run special campaigns among the beneficiaries of Public Distribution System (PDS) to create awareness about fortified rice.

ANNEXURE-I

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA
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Statement showing the distribution of Fortified Rice to the NFSA beneficiaries from January,2023 to January,2024		
S. No.	District	Quantity distributed (in MTs)
1	Alluri Sitharama Raju	70184
2	Anakapalli	43757
3	Ananthapur	126146
4	Annamayya	43120
5	Bapatla	16594
6	Chittoor	63159
7	East Godavari	14634
8	Eluru	25030
9	Guntur	22761
10	YSR Kadapa	107895
11	Kakinada	16570
12	Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema	16083
13	Krishna	18361
14	Kurnool	128429
15	Manyam Parvathipuram	61882
16	Nandyal	43110
17	SPSR Nellore	35904
18	NTR	23093
19	Palnadu	18737
20	Prakasam	70872
21	Tirupathi	52818
22	Sri Satya Sai	57637
23	Srikakulam	47487
24	Visakhapatnam	34611
25	Vizianagaram	106084
26	West Godavari	16995
Total		1281952
