

**Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4576
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021**

GRANTS FOR CONSUMER AWARENESS

4576. SHRI KRUPAL BALAJI TUMANE: SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:
(OIH)

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

- (a) whether the Union Government releases grants in aid to the States/Union Territories under consumer awareness (publicity);
- (b) if so, the funds released to Maharashtra under this scheme from the year 2017 till date;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra has forwarded any proposal to the Government to issue number to various organizations/agencies/NGOs having PFMS registration;
- (d) if so, the present status thereof;
- (e) whether the Union Government has sanctioned the same;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री दानवे रावसाहेब दादाराव)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) to (g) : The Union Government, under Consumer Awareness Scheme, has a component of releasing grants-in-aid to the State Government based on receipt of proposal specifying the activities to be carried out, funds required and utilization certificates for the grants released in previous years subject to availability of funds.

A letter was received from State Government of Maharashtra with some information of 103 entities. However, the details of implementing agency of the State Government of Maharashtra and the activities proposed to be carried out along with requirement of funds were not received. Therefore, for want of specific proposal and pending utilization certificates for the funds released earlier, no funds under the Consumer Awareness Scheme could be released to the Government of Maharashtra from the year 2017 till date.