

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2949
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2019

STARVATION DEATHS

†2949. DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Ministry has laid down the definition of deaths caused by starvation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and parameters adopted for laying down the said definition;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of incidents reported regarding deaths due to starvation during last four years, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (e) whether the Ministry has analysed the reasons responsible for starvation deaths, in spite of existing system of distribution of subsidized rations to the poor through PDS, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(**SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO**)

(a) to (d): The Department of Food & Public Distribution has not defined starvation or hunger death. No State Government/UT Administration has reported any incident of starvation death during the last four years. Media reports alleging starvation deaths from time to time have not been substantiated.

(e): Does not arise in view of the (a) to (d) above.
