

1 **Q: Does Mr. Raphals believe that allocation of the rural deficit must necessarily be**
2 **somewhat arbitrary? Please explain.**

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4 A: The view of Mr Raphals is as follows:

5 I would not use the word “arbitrary”. However, I would agree that, given the magnitude of the
6 rural deficit, it is possible that there is no allocation which is not unfair to some customers.

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