

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2000
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2002
PRICE OF WHEAT AND RICE IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS .
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the price of wheat and rice for Below Poverty Line and above Poverty Line cardholders in Andaman and Nicobar Islands is higher than their prices prevailing in rest of India;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Union Government have initiated remedial measures in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to supply rice of super fine quality through Fair Price Shops in the Islands; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PRADHAN)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): No, Sir. As per the report received, the retail issue price of foodgrains under TPDS in Andman and Nicobar Islands for BPL and APL families is comparable to other parts of the country. The details are as follows:

Items	Retail Price(Rs per kg.)	
	APL	BPL
RICE	8.80	6.05
WHEAT	6.50	4.45

(e)&(f): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been directed to issue Grade `A` or Common variety of rice conforming to FAQ specifications from the FCI depots on the basis of FirstIn - First Out (FIFO) for all schemes including TPDSAs reported by the UT Administration only Grade `A` of rice is being supplied under the PDS through Fair Price Shops to the consumers.