

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7886  
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SCARCITY OF FOODGRAINS IN ORISSA  
ANANTA NAYAK

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

(a) whether the Union Government are aware of the scarcity of foodgrains in the KBK districts of Orissa for the people below poverty line; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to ensure the supply of foodgrains to them?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Keeping in view the special problems of the eight districts in the KBK region of Orissa, allocation of foodgrains @ 25 kg, per family per month is being made for all the 13.93 lakh households estimated to be the total number of households in the KBK region of Orissa at BPL rates w.e.f. January, 2002.