

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

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

- (a) the number of persons living below the poverty line in Jharkhand as on date;
- (b) the quantity of foodgrains provided by the Union Government to Jharkhand on subsidised rates during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the quantity of foodgrains allotted to Jharkhand is less than the requirement; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken by the Union Government to make the foodgrains available as per the requirements of the State?

**Answer**

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

(a): The estimated number of families living below the poverty line in Jharkhand is 23.94 lakh.

(b),(c)&(d): The quantity of foodgrains allotted to Government of Jharkhand from the Central Pool under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) at subsidized rates during the last three years is as under:-

(in lakh tonnes)

Year	BPL	APL	AAJ	Total
2000-01	1.845	0.211	0.000	2.056
2001-02	5.675	0.633	0.916	7.224
2002-03	8.147	2.163	1.539	11.849

The allocation of foodgrains under TPDS for all the categories to all the States including Jharkhand is made @35 kg per family per month.