

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3046
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MISSION HUNGER FREE INDIA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the information has since been collected;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a)to(c): The subject matter of the Question No.2135 for 5.8.2003 relate to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food &Public Distribution. The information furnished by that Ministry is as under:-

Action has been in hand to ensure food security for all and to reform and improve Public Distribution Systemfor the benefit of the poorest of the poor in rural and urban areas. Towards this end, the Antyodaya Anna Yojana was commenced in December 2000 to provide 25 Kg. of food grains per family per month at highly subsidised rates of Rs.2/- per Kg. for wheat and Rs.3/- per kg. for rice to the beneficiaries identified by the State Governments and UT Administrations. The scale of issue to these beneficiaries has been enhanced to 35 kg. per family per month with effect from April, 2002. The Yojana which initially covered 1 crore Poorest of the Poor families has been expanded to cover another 50 lakh BPL families.

Besides, various welfare schemes such as the Targeted Public Distribution System, Sampoorna GraminRojgar Yojana, Mid-day Meal, Integrated Child Development Scheme etc. are also under implementation to address the food security concerns at the household and individual levels.