

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

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

- (a) the BPL population and the total quantity of foodgrains required under public distribution system for people living above and below poverty line in Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years;
- (b) the demand, allotment and actual procurement of foodgrains during the said period in Bihar and Jharkhand;
- (c) the actual prevailing price of foodgrains during the said period and the prices of foodgrains made available by the FCI to the families living below poverty line;
- (d) the total cost incurred by the FCI as a consequence thereof including the cost of subsidy; and
- (e) the steps taken to supply good quality foodgrains?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) : Allocation of foodgrains under Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is made as per the poverty Estimates of the Planning Commission(1993-94), based on the Expert Group's methodology updated on the population projections of the Registrar General as on 1.3.2000. The estimated number of BPL households in the States of Bihar and Jharkhand are 65.23 lakh and 23.94 lakh respectively. The quantity of foodgrains allotted under TPDS to Bihar and Jharkhand during the last three years and quantity lifted by these States are as under:

Bihar

Allocation of foodgrains (in lakh tonnes) Lifting of foodgrains (in lakh tonnes)

2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03

BPL	18.771	18.209	22.442	6.026	3.781	4.383
APL	2.165	1.743	22.915	0.023	0.010	0.035
AAY	0.000	1.500	4.200	0.000	1.086	3.339

Jharkhand

Allocation of foodgrains (in lakh tonnes) Lifting of foodgrains (in lakh tonnes)

2000-01 2001-02 2002-03 2000-01 2001-02 2002-03

BPL	1.845	5.675	8.147	0.867	2.291	2.261
APL	0.211	0.633	2.163	0.002	0.065	0.037
AAY	0.000	0.916	1.539	0.000	0.628	1.097

(c) : The Central Issue Price(CIP) and Retail Issue Price(RIP) for BPL has been as under:

CIP Rs. per Quintal

Rice Wheat Effective from

590	450	1.4.2000
565	415	25.7.2000

CIP are the same for all the States/Union Territories.

RIP
Bihar Rs. per Kg.

Rice Wheat Effective from

6.48	5.10	1.4.2000
6.22	4.73	25.7.2000

Jharkhand Rs. per Kg

Rice	Wheat	Effective from
6.48	5.10	1.4.2000 #
6.22	4.73	25.7.2000 #
6.15	4.62	1.4.2002

as part of Bihar State.

(d) : The total cost incurred by FCI(Economic Cost) and subsidy involved on the quantity of foodgrains issued is as under :

Year	Economic cost of FCI (Rs. per Quintal)	Subsidy involved (Rs. in Crores)	
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	Rice	Wheat	Bihar	Jharkhand	
2000-2001	1180.47	858.26	295.94	##	
2001-2002	1195.55	859.20	234.81	148.94	
2002-2003	1223.17	891.73	388.42	182.90	

Included in the subsidy of Bihar

(e) : The foodgrains under TPDS are issued to the State/UT Governments only after their satisfaction about quality and following the joint sampling system. The foodgrains issued are not below the Fair Average Quality(FAQ).