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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:52 ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004 EXPORT OF FOODGRAIN Sujatha Smt. C.S.

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

- (a) the details of foodgrain exports from the country during the last three years;
- (b) whether subsidies were provided to the exporters;
- (c) if so, details thereof; and
- (d) the details of rate at which foodgrains were distributed through PDS in the country during the aforesaid period; item-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): Foodgrains exported from the country during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as under:-

(in tonnes)

Year 2001-02 2002-03 2003-04

Rice non-basmati 1541489 4076347 2424963 Rice Basmat 66707 594867 634501 Wheat 2649380 3570890 3609362 Total 4857941 8242104 6668826

(b)&(c): The subsidy released to FCI in respect of stocks lifted from the Central Pool during 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 are as under:-

(Rs. in crores)

2001-02 1368 2002-03 5743 2003-04 3621

(d): Wheat and rice are issued to the State Governments/UTs from the Central Pool at the uniform Central Issue Prices(CIP) for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). The CIPs of wheat and rice remained unchanged for BPL families since July, 2000. The CIPs of wheat and rice since 2001 are as under:-

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(Rs. Per quanital)
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Effective from Below Poverty Line (BPL) Above Poverty Line (APL)

From To

12.7.2001 415 830 610

1.4.2002 415 610 510

1.7.2002 till date. 415 510 610

CIPs of Rice (Rs. Per quanital)

Effective from Below Poverty Line (BPL) Above Poverty Line (APL)

From To

12.7.2001 565 1130 830

1.4.2002 565 830 730

1.7.2002 till date. 565 730 830

Since its inception, i.e., 25.12.2000 the foodgrains under Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) are being issued @ Rs. 2/- per kg for wheat and Rs.3/- per kg for rice.