

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3805
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FAILURE TO PROVIDE FOODGRAIN
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has not been able to provide foodgrain to the families living the Below Poverty Line as per laid down norms;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the item-wise stock of foodgrains as on March 31, 2002?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Sir. The allocation of foodgrains in respect of families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) is being made by the Central Government to all States/Union Territories as per prescribed norm of 35 kg per family per month.
- (b): Question does not arise.
- (c): The item-wise stock of foodgrains as on 31st March, 2002 was 249.12 lakh tonnes of rice and 260.39 lakh tonnes of wheat in the Central Pool.