

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

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COMMODITIES UNDER PDS

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

- (a) the details regarding the commodities being supplied to Below Poverty Line and Above Poverty Line families alongwith their prices, commodity-wise and category-wise
- (b) whether many Fair Price Shops (FPS) have closed down due to lack of viability;
- (c) if so, whether the Government proposes to add more items for distribution through FPS; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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): A statement of commodities being supplied to Below Poverty Line/Above Poverty Line families and their Central Issue Prices is given below:

(Rupees per quintal)

Sl. No. Commodity AAY BPL APL

1. Wheat 200 415 610
2. Rice # 300 565 830 (`A` Grade)
3. Sugar \$
4. Kerosene Oil@

Rs.795 for Common Grade for APL which is applicable only to J&K, H.P., North Eastern States, Sikkim and Uttaranchal.

\$ From 1.2.2001, the supply of levy sugar has been restricted to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, except for North Eastern States, Hill States and Island Territories, where universal coverage is allowed. The Retail Issue Price of levy Sugar is Rs.13.50 per kg. which is uniform throughout the country.

@ Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has made the allocation to the States for supply of kerosene through PDS channel. No categorization as APL/BPL is made for such supplies. The prices of PDS kerosene vary from State to State depending upon the Sales Tax and dealers Commission. The price of PDS kerosene in Delhi is Rs.9.05 per litre.

(b), (c) & (d): No information has been received from any State/UT Administration regarding closing down of many Fair Price Shops (FPS) due to lack of it's viability. There are occasional complaints about the inadequate margins to FPS dealers. In order to improve the viability of the FPSs through increased turnover, State Governments/UTs Administrations have been advised to allow FPS owners to enlarge the basket of commodities by adding additional items of daily use as per local requirements for sale. Some States also distribute additional items of mass consumption such as exercise books, pulses, iodised salt, tea etc. through the FPSs to make them more viable.