

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

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

- (a) Whether the Government has discontinued distribution of foodgrains to the beneficiaries of Above Poverty Line (APL) category under Public Distribution System (PDS) ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof; and
- (c) The details of monthly quota allotted to various States to be distributed among the beneficiaries belonging to APL category till-date during the current financial year ?

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)&(b) : No, Sir. The Above Poverty Line (APL) card holders are provided foodgrains under the Targetted Public Distribution System (TPDS) at subsidized rates. The Central Issue Price for Wheat is Rs. 6.10 per kg. and for Rice (common) and (A Grade) is Rs. 7.95 and Rs. 8.10 per kg. respectively. The Central Issue Price for coarse grains is 70% of the Economic Cost which varies from State to State.

(c) : Details of the Monthly Allocations of Wheat and Rice for the APL category for the Year 2006-07 (Upto December, 2006) is as per Annexure I, II & III respectively.