

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1816  
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STARVATION AMONG FARMERS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of cases of starvation death have been reported from several States particularly in the tribal areas of Orissa;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken for providing foodgrains to the affected families in the country and to check starvation deaths?

**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 incidence of starvation death has been reported by any State Governments/Union Territory including Orissa so far.
- (c): For maintaining food security in the country, the Government is allocating foodgrains at subsidized rates for people living under Below Poverty Line (BPL), Above Poverty Line (APL) and Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) under Targeted Public Distribution System and for the following Welfare Schemes:-
  - (i) Mid day Meal, (administered by Ministry of Human Resource Development).
  - (ii) Wheat Based Nutrition Programme and Nutrition Programme for Adolescent girls (administered by Ministry of Women and Child Development).
  - (iii) Sampoornana Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY) and Special Component of SGRY (administered by Ministry of Rural Development).
  - (iv) Emergency Feeding Programme for KBK Districts of Orissa.
  - (v) Annapurna Scheme.
  - (vi) Village Grain Banks Scheme.