

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

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FOOD SUBSIDY

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

- (a) the foodgrain subsidy provided by the Government during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether a major chunk of the said subsidy is spent over the storage and maintenance of foodgrains;
- (c) if so, the total expenditure incurred over storage of the subsidised foodgrains during the last three years;
- (d) the portion of foodgrain subsidy that actually reaches its targeted beneficiaries; and
- (e) the number of persons benefited under the foodgrains based schemes?

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): The amount of food subsidy released during the last three years and the current year (upto 15.11.2007) is as under:-

(in Rs. crore)	
2004-05	25,746
2005-06	23,071
2006-07	23,828
2007-08 (till 15.11.07)	19,062

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that the total amount spent by the FCI for storage of foodgrains during the last three years is as under:-

(in Rs. crore)	
2004-05	1349
2005-06	1127
2006-07	1366

(d) & (e): The Programme Evaluation Organization (PEO) of the Planning Commission in its report based on study of 18 major States submitted in March, 2005 has reported that the foodgrains leakage for BPL (as a percentage of offtake of BPL quota) through ghost grain cards is 16.67% and at Fair Price Shops is 19.71% (all India basis).

An Evaluation Study on Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was undertaken by the ORG Centre for Social Research, New Delhi. As per the findings of the study there was a diversion of wheat and rice of 53.3% and 39% respectively at the all India level. The final report has been received in September, 2005 and was forwarded to States/UTs for comments.