

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2247
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PDS IN TRIBAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has failed to provide adequate quantity of foodgrains to the poor and needy people in the remote and tribal areas of the country under Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years and the current year and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any concrete policy to provide the benefits of the PDS in the said areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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.

(b): Question does not arise.

(c)&(d): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has evolved as a system of management of distribution of foodgrains at affordable prices to poor sections of society. TPDS is supplemental in nature and is intended to make available half requirement of foodgrains of 6.52 crore BPL households. For focused coverage of the poorest of the poor families under the TPDS, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) is under implementation since December, 2000. Presently 2.42 crores families have been covered under it as per details in Annex-I. They are being distributed rice at Rs. 3/- and wheat at Rs. 2/- per kg. @ 35 kg. per family per month in tribal as well as non-tribal blocks.