

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:489
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2008
ALLOCATION OF IMPORTED WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of imported and indigenous foodgrains allocated to the States for distribution to the various categories of beneficiaries separately during 2007-08, State-wise and category-wise; and

(b) the quantum and price of imported and indigenous foodgrains provided per family of the said beneficiaries during the above period?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 489 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.04.2008 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): Government makes allocation of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to various States and Union Territories. During 2007-08, there was no import of rice and all quantities of rice allocated were of domestic rice only. During 2007-08, some quantities of wheat were imported. However, all wheat, whether domestically procured or imported, constitutes its stock in the Central Pool. From this stock, wheat is allocated at Central Issue Prices to States and Union Territories without any distinction being made between domestic and imported wheat. Details of allocations of rice and wheat made to States and Union Territories during 2007-08 for different categories of TPDS beneficiaries are given in Annexure.

(b): Under TPDS, Government makes allocation of foodgrains @ 35 kg. per family per month for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and March, 2000 population estimates of Registrar General of India (RGI) or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by States/Union Territories, whichever is less. Allocations of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) category families are made depending upon their availability in the Central Pool.

The Central Issue Prices (CIP) for wheat and rice for APL, BPL and AAY categories of TPDS beneficiaries are as follows:-

(Rs per quintal)
Commodity APL BPL AAY

Wheat 610 415 200

Rice 830 565 300

Since there is no distinction between domestic and imported wheat while allocating, its Central Issue Price is the same.