

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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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 total amount spent on food subsidy during the last two years and the current year;
- (b) the percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) spent on food subsidy during the said period, year-wise; and
- (c) the countries providing lower percentage of their GDP as food subsidy?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

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

(Rs. in Crore)

Year Total amount spent
on food subsidy

2007-08 31,259.68
2008-09 43,668.08
2009-10# 55,768.75

amount provided for food subsidy in 2009-10 Revised Estimates (R.E.).

(b): The percentage of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) released as food subsidy during the said period, year wise is as under:-

Year % of GDP released
as food subsidy

2007-08 0.63

2008-09 0.78#

2009-10 0.90#

the percentage is based on the amount provided for food subsidy in R.E. 2009-10 and quick estimates for 2008-09 & advance estimates for 2009-10 for GDP.

(c): This information is not maintained by Department of Food & Public Distribution.