

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

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

- (a) the amount of subsidy spent during the last three years for procuring and distributing foodgrains and other essential commodities to the consumers;
- (b) the percentage of the subsidy going to the consumers directly; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the largest part of the subsidy reaches the consumers?

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): Food Corporation of India (FCI) has informed that the following amount of subsidy was incurred on distribution of foodgrains during the last three years:

(Rs. in crore)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Consumer Subsidy incurred	8356	10789	32072
% to total subsidy incurred	34.78	34.75	90.43
Subsidy incurred	10480	21592	35467
% to total subsidy incurred	29.55	60.88	100
Coarsegrains	25	0.00	0.00
Sub Total	23419	30393	32072
% to total subsidy incurred	97.47	97.89	90.43
Buffer subsidy	609	654	3395
% to total subsidy incurred	2.53	2.11	9.57
Total subsidy	24028	31047	35467
% to total subsidy incurred	100	100	100

(b)&(c): Out of total consumer subsidy, 97.47%, 97.89% and 90.43% of subsidy during the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively was utilized directly for issuing subsidised foodgrains to the consumers under TPDS and other welfare schemes. The remaining amount was on account of maintenance of buffer stocks.