

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

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ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS

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

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation for Below Poverty Line, Above Poverty Line and Antyodaya card holders at Government purchase price or the Minimum Support Price as part of the measures to combat inflation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to introduce universal PDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the views/suggestions received in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Over and above the allocations of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the Government has made a special adhoc additional allocation of 10.64 lakh tons of rice and 25.44 lakh tons of wheat at MSP derived/based prices to States/Union Territories for two months i.e. January and February 2010 for distribution @ 10 kg of foodgrains per family per month for all accepted number of Below Poverty Line (BPL), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families to check inflationary trend in food economy.

Government has also allocated under Open Market Sale Scheme, 20 lakh tons of wheat and 10 lakh tons of rice at MSP based/derived prices plus average freight cost to various States/UTs for distribution to retail consumers during the period October 2009 to March 2010. 20.81 lakh tons of wheat have also been allocated for sale to bulk consumers during the said period.

(c)& (d): There is no proposal under consideration to introduce universal PDS.