

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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CONSUMPTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the average per capita foodgrain consumption in the country;
- (b) whether foodgrains being provided to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country are proportionate to average per capita consumption in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide foodgrains to the BPL families as per their requirements;and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

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) to (e): According to the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Report No. 509, per capita consumption of cereals in 30 days in rural areas during 2004-05 has been 12.12 kg and in urban areas 9.94 kg.

The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), being supplemental in nature, meets about half of the foodgrain (cereals) requirements of families. To meet the balance requirements, in addition to TPDS offtake, the families mobilize foodgrains from other sources as well.

The Central Government allocates foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families @ 35 kg. per family per month.