

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is providing/proposes to provide wheat subsidy for more Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families for the current year in wake of the droughts and floods in several parts of our country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the requests received from the States in this regard alongwith the action taken on such requests; and
- (c) the steps taken for disposal of the pending requests?

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)&(c): Food subsidy is not released directly by the Government and foodgrains at subsidised rates are issued to the Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including Antyodaya families.

For drought relief, additional monthly allocation of 19.18 lakh tones of foodgrains (wheat-15.70 lakh tonnes, rice-3.48 lakh tonnes) at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) based/derived price has been made from October, 2009 to May, 2010. State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

For Flood Relief, after considering the requests received from State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh, additional allocation of 63,000 tonnes of rice and 20,000 tonnes of wheat has been made to these States at economic cost during 2009-10. State -wise details are at Annexure-II.