

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

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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 details of food subsidy provided on items meant for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) population in the country, separately during each of the last two years;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the subsidy for the BPL families during 2010-11;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details regarding price of subsidised items supplied to the States for distribution during each of the last two years and the current year?

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): The food subsidy released for subsidised foodgrains distributed under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya families(AAY) and Above Poverty Line(APL) families during last two years is as under:-

(Rs. in crore)			
Year	2008-09	2009-10	
BPL	16157	19564	
APL	7294	12595	
AAY	12615	14224	
TPDS	36066	46383	

(b) & (c): Subsidised foodgrains are allocated under TPDS to 6.52 crore identified BPL families (including AAY) @ 35 kg/month/family. These families are spread over different States based on the 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and population projections of March 2000.

The quantum of food subsidy released under each scheme including BPL depends on the actual offtake under the scheme, economic cost and CIP of foodgrains issued.

(d): The Central Issue Prices (CIP) of subsidized foodgrains allocated under TPDS from July 2002 are as under:-

(Rs. per quintal)				
Commodity	APL	BPL	AAY	
Wheat	610	415	200	
Rice Common Grade 'A'	795	830	565	300