

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

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DISTRIBUTION OF SUBSIDISED 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 provide subsidised foodgrains to the beneficiaries under Below Poverty Line and Above Poverty Line as suggested by various agencies/Authority;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of beneficiaries proposed to be covered and the amount likely to be spent thereon; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to meet the increased demand of foodgrains for the said scheme?

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) to (c): Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), at present allocation of subsidised foodgrains is made in respect of 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including 2.43 crore Antyodaya Anna Yoyana (AAY) families. Allocations are also made for Above Poverty Line (APL) families depending upon availability of foodgrains in the central pool and past off-take.

The number of beneficiaries, the amount likely to be spent, the manner of fulfilling the demand of foodgrains and other related issues are under consideration of an Empowered Group of Ministers constituted to examine various aspects of the proposed National Food Security Act.