

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

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QUOTA OF FOODGRAINS UNDER PDS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the quota of foodgrains allocated to different States including Goa under the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) whether any request has been received from the Government of Goa for increasing the allocation; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**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),(d)&(e): Allocation of food grains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is made for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by State/UT Government, whichever is less. Accordingly, allocations of food grains for AAY and BPL categories are made @ 35 kg. per family per month for all accepted number of 6.52 crore families in the country.

Allocations under APL category are made depending upon the availability of stocks of food grains in Central Pool and past offtake. Allocations of rice under APL category during 2008-09 was made to States/UTs including Goa on the basis of average of offtake level during 2006-07 and 2007-08. Allocations of wheat under this category was maintained at the level of 2007-08. However, in view of higher availability of food grains in the Central Pool, subsequently, additional allocations were made during 2008-09. Presently, these allocations range between 10 kg and 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs. Details of monthly allocation of food grains (wheat and rice) made to States/UTs, including Goa (as for July, 2009) are at Annex.

Requests have been received from the Government of Goa for increasing monthly APL allocation to 3200 tons of rice and 1200 tons of wheat. Considering the request of the State Govt., APL rice allocation to the State for 2008-09 was increased from 500 tons per month to 896 tons per month. For 2009-2010, the Government, in March, 2009 has increased the monthly APL allocation of rice to Goa from 896 tons to 2222 tons and wheat from 201 tons to 498 tons, thereby ensuring a minimum allocation of 10 kg of food grains per APL family per month.