

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:322  
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2010  
ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA  
Das Shri Ram Sundar;Mani Shri Jose K.

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Antyodaya Anna Yojana to provide foodgrains to the poorest among the poor;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the category and the number of families covered under the said scheme and foodgrains provided during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise including Kerala;
- (c) whether any requests/proposals have been received from various States including Kerala for expansion/ improvement in the scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c)&(d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.322 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 17.08.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was launched in December, 2000 for poorest of the poor families among Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. The Scheme aims to cover 2.50 crore AAY families. State/Union Territory (UT) Governments have issued ration cards to 2.43 crore AAY families. The State-wise details of number of persons covered and allocations made under AAY Scheme, during the years 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 by the State/UT Governments are given at Annex-I and Annex-II respectively.

(c) & (d) Requests have been received from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jammu & Kashmir, Maharashtra, Orissa and Uttar Pradesh for coverage of additional families and allocation of foodgrains under AAY. As the State Governments are required to identify AAY families within the ceiling on number of AAY families given to each State/UT Government, their request for coverage of additional families under AAY beyond the targeted number could not be acceded to.