

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal for distributing essential commodities in rural areas of Uttarakhand in a streamlined manner;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total quantity of essential commodities allocated to Uttarakhand under the Public Distribution System during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation for Uttarakhand during the ensuing year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**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 (e): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), focused on the poor, aims at distributing subsidized foodgrains to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in all rural as well as urban areas in the country. TPDS is operated under joint responsibility of Central and the State/UT Governments. Department of Food and Public Distribution allocates foodgrains (rice, wheat, & coarse grains) and sugar to all States & Union Territories, including Uttarakhand, for distribution to ration card holders at subsidized prices through Fair Price Shops.

The details of the allocation of the foodgrains under TPDS made to the State of Uttarakhand during the last 3 years and current year are as under:

(Quantity in' 000 tons)  
2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11

341.541 362.252 436.00 474.122

Also, a special adhoc additional allocation of 7151 tons of rice and 13572 tons of wheat for all accepted number of families (AAY, BPL & APL) under TPDS has been made on 19.5.2010.

The details of allocation of levy sugar to Uttarakhand are as under:

Sl.No. Sugar Season Quantity in' 000 tonnes  
(October-September)

1	2006-2007	72.81
2	2007-2008	73.28
3	2008-2009	75.78 (includes special festival quota)
4	2009-2010	73.38