

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1438
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010
SUPPLY OF FOODGRAINS AT CHEAP RATES
Joshi Shri Kailash

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

- (a) whether the Union Government has recently announced any scheme to provide foodgrains to some States for distribution to the poor people at cheap rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the names of the beneficiary States and the criterion adopted for their identification;
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to extend the scheme to other poor and backward States; 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): Apart from the normal allocation of foodgrains made under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to States/UTs, the Government has made a special adhoc additional allocation of 30.66 lakh tons of foodgrains (13.80 lakh tons of rice and 16.86 lakh tons of wheat) to all the States and UTs for the accepted number of Below Poverty Line (BPL), Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Above Poverty Line (APL) families under TPDS on 19th May 2010. The above allocations have been made at a subsidized price of Rs.11.85/- per kg for rice and Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat. The States/UTs have been allowed to lift the allocated quantities upto 20th November 2010.