

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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CONSUMPTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the average per capita consumption of foodgrains in the country;
- (b) whether the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) are being provided foodgrains in proportion to the average per capita consumption in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide foodgrains to the BPL families as per their requirements; 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): According to the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) Report No. 530, per capita monthly consumption of rice, wheat and other cereals in rural areas during 2007-08 has been 11.7 kg and in urban areas 9.7 kg.

The Central Government allocates foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families @ 35 kg per family per month.

TPDS being supplemental in nature, meets about half the foodgrain (cereals) requirements of families. To meet the balance requirements, in addition to TPDS offtake, the families mobilize foodgrains from other sources as well.