

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:134

ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010

HIKE IN FOODGRAINS ALLOCATION

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

- (a) the total allocation, release and offtake of foodgrains during each of the last three years, State-wise and category-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to hike the foodgrains allocation for Above Poverty Line (APL) families;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken thereon; and
- (d) the subsidy paid for APL and Below Poverty Line category separately?

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 THE STARRED QUESTION NO.134 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.08.2010 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) to (d): The details of the State-wise and category-wise allocation and reported offtake of foodgrains (rice and wheat) made to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) during each of the last three years are as per Annex.

The allocations of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon the availability of stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool and past offtake. At present these allocations range from 10 kg to 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs.

During 2010-11, the Government has allocated a quantity of 166.88 lakh tons of foodgrains to all States/UTs under APL category. Subsequently, a special adhoc/additional allocation of 30.66 lakh tons of foodgrains have been allocated in May 2010 under TPDS including for APL families in all States/UTs at a subsidized price of Rs. 8.45 per kg of wheat and Rs. 11.85 per kg of rice.

The Government has also made an adhoc additional monthly allocation of 4.57 lakh tons of foodgrains for the APL families at APL issue price for a period of six months in those States/Union Territories (UTs) where present level of the APL allocation less than 15 kg per family/month.

The amount of subsidy borne by Central Government during 2007-08 to 2009-10 is as under-

(Rs. in crore)
Years APL BPL AAY

2007-08 4673 11685 9006

2008-09 7294 16157 12615

2009-10 12595 19564 14224