

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

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

- (a) the names of essential commodities alongwith the minimum support price fixed by the Government for each commodity;
- (b) whether the budget allocation made for food subsidy is adequate;
- (c) if so, the share of food subsidy received by Below Poverty Line and Antyodaya Anna Yojana families out of the total subsidy under the Targetted Public Distribution System, during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government is considering any proposal to increase the food subsidy;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): Details of crops and their Minimum Support Prices (MSP) are given in Annex.
- (b) to (f): Food subsidy is the difference between economic cost of foodgrains to FCI and their central issue prices. Requirement of food subsidy depends on offtake of foodgrains allocated under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), other Welfare Schemes and additional allocations issued from time to time. Budgetary allocation for food subsidy is made accordingly and shortfall, if any, is made up through revised budgetary allocations.

The share of food subsidy released for Below Poverty Line (BPL) Families and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families out of the total food subsidy released under TPDS during last three years is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

Year Share of BPL and AAY families in Subsidy released under TPDS

BPL AAY TPDS

2007-08 11685 9006 25364

2008-09 16157 12615 36066

2009-10 19564 14224 46383

Budget allocation for food subsidy for 2010-11 is Rs. 55211 crore, which is lower than the requirement. Additional allocations of funds

have been sought through supplementary grants.