

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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SUBSIDY FOR BELOW POVERTY LINE POPULATION
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the actual subsidies on items meant for Below Poverty Line (BPL) population in the country;
- (b) whether distribution of subsidized items is done through the Public Distribution System;
- (c) if so, whether a large amount of subsidies are going to the mills/factories where such items are processed/valueadded; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

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) to (d):The Department of Food & Public Distribution releases subsidy only for foodgrains, edible oils and sugar distributed under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

During 2009-10, Rs. 46383 crore and Rs. 200 crore have been released as food subsidy to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Governments for foodgrains and sugar, respectively, for distribution through TPDS in the Country. During the same period Rs. 209.35 crore have been released as subsidy to Central Public Sector Undertakings for imported edible oils delivered to State Governments for distribution through TPDS.

The above items are distributed through Public Distribution System and the subsidy is targeted at identified eligible ration card holders.