

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

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ALLOCATION UNDER TPDS

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

(a) whether the allocation of food under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is being made to States for distribution to Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families as per the population estimation submitted by the Registrar of India on 1st March, 2000 based on census of 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are huge variations in the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission and that of the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by the State Governments;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to include more families under BPL and AAY on the basis of the latest data available and make allocation on the basis of increased number?

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): Under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) allocations of foodgrains are made for Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission and population projections of the Registrar General of India as on March 2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by State/UT Governments, whichever is less. Accordingly, allocations of foodgrains are made @ 35 kg per family per month for all accepted 6.52 crore BPL families, including 2.43 crore AAY families in the country.

There are variations in the number of BPL families accepted by Government for allocation of foodgrains under TPDS and the number of families identified and ration cards issued to them by some of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The accepted number of BPL including AAY families and actual ration cards issued by State/UT Governments as on 30.9.2010 is at Annex.

The Government has made an additional allocation of 25 lakh tons of foodgrains in September 2010 to States/UTs for distribution to BPL families at BPL issue prices for a period of six months. This allocation is adequate to cover the additional estimated 1.18 crore BPL families based on March 2010 population estimates of Registrar General of India.