

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3308  
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ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES FOR APL  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Above Poverty Line (APL) population is excluded under the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide essential commodities to the APL people through the Public Distribution System in view of the rise in prices and inability of these sections to afford the same;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether views/suggestions have been received from various sections/ stakeholders in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**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 (f): Government allocates foodgrains (rice and wheat) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to 6.52 crore accepted number of Below Poverty Line (BPL)/Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families @ 35 kg per family per month. Depending upon the availability of foodgrains in central pool and past offtake, the allocations of foodgrains are also made to Above Poverty Line (APL) families. Requests have been received for increasing allocations to APL population. Government has, therefore, increased APL allocations from time to time. Presently, the allocations of foodgrains to APL families range between 15 kg and 35 kg per family per month.

During the current year 2010-11, the Government has released a quantity of 192.84 lakh tons of foodgrains for APL families. In addition, the Government has made a special adhoc allocation of 30.66 lakh tons of foodgrains to States/UTs in May 2010 for all accepted number of families, including APL families under TPDS with validity period for lifting upto 31.3.2011. The issue price of this allocation is Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg for rice.