

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

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FOODGRAIN REQUIREMENT

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

- (a) whether the present stock and the estimated procurement of foodgrains is sufficient to meet the requirement for Public Distribution System (PDS) and other welfare schemes during the ensuing year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has reduced/made lower allocation to some States;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has received requests for restoration or increased/additional allocation from the States;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (g) the steps taken to provide adequate quantity of foodgrains to the poor at reasonable rates?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The following quantities of wheat and rice have been procured during the last 3 years:

(Lakh tones)

Crop Year Wheat Rice

2007-08	226.89	287.36
2008-09	253.82	341.04
2009-10	225.14	320.34
2010-11	# 229.05	(as on 3.3.2011)

# The procurement for wheat for the year 2010-11 will commence from 1.4.2011

(c) to (g): Allocations of foodgrains are made @ 35 kg. per family per month for all 6.52 crore BPL families (including 2.43 crore AAY families) accepted for allocation under TPDS. The allocation of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) category are made depending upon the availability of foodgrains in the Central Pool and past offtake. Presently, these allocations of foodgrains range between 10 kg and 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs.

Requests have been received from time to time from different States/UTs for restoration of 2006-07 level of allocations/increased/additional allocation of foodgrains. Considering these requests and availability of stocks in the Central Pool, Government has made the following additional allocations to States/UTs:

- i. 36.08 lakh tons of foodgrains in January 2010 at MSP based/derived prices for distribution to all AAY/BPL/APL families for two months.
- ii. 30.66 lakh tons of foodgrains in May 2010 for all accepted number of BPL/AAY/APL families @ Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg for rice.
- iii. 27.41 lakh tons of foodgrains to 22 States/UTs on 2nd August 2010 and 3.65 lakh tons of foodgrains on 3rd August, 2010 to 5 NE States and 2 hill States for six months from August, 2010.

- iv. 25.00 lakh tons of foodgrains for BPL families at BPL prices to all States/UTs in September, 2010 for distribution for six months.
- v. 25.00 lakh tons of foodgrains for BPL families at BPL prices to all States/UTs in January, 2011 for distribution for six months.
- vi. 25.00 lakh tons of foodgrains for APL families @ Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg for rice to all States/UTs in January 2011 for distribution for six months.