

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

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

- (a) the details of commodities presently distributed through the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) the quantity of the said commodities released to the States during each of the last two years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to include more Commodities including pulses for distribution through PDS apart from the currently distributed commodities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): Government is implementing Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), which focuses on the poor and is operated under the joint responsibility of Central and the State/Union Territory (UT) Governments. Foodgrains (rice, wheat and coarse grains) and sugar are allocated to States & UT Governments for distribution to ration card holders at subsidized prices through Fair Price Shops and Kerosene oil through Kerosene dealers.

The details of rice/wheat allocated to States/UTs under TPDS during 2008-09 and 2009-10 and special adhoc additional allocations of foodgrains (rice and wheat) made for Below Poverty Line (BPL)/Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)/Above Poverty Line (APL) families under TPDS on 20.1.2010 are at Annex-I & II respectively. The details of Kerosene oil and Sugar allocated to State/UT Governments during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are at Annex-III & IV respectively.

In addition to above referred items allocated under TPDS, certain other essential commodities like pulses and edible oils are also being made available to State/UT Governments at subsidized prices for distribution.