

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:350

ANSWERED ON:28.07.2009

ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) Scheme to provide cheap foodgrains to the poorest among the poor families in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the number of beneficiaries covered under the said scheme alongwith their monthly entitlement and the price at which foodgrains are being provided to them, State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of foodgrains allocated and lifted under the said scheme, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has recently carried out any evaluation of the said scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.350 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 28.07.2009 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): In order to focus Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) on the poorest of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) has been under implementation since December, 2000. Foodgrains are allocated to States & UTs @ 35 kg per AAY family per month at highly subsidized issue prices of Rs.2 per kg wheat and Rs.3 per kg rice. Presently about 2.43 crore AAY families are covered under this scheme. Their statewise details are given in Annex- I. Statewise details of allocations and offtake of foodgrains under AAY during 2008-09 are given in Annex-II.

Government had commissioned the National Council of Applied Economic Research to conduct a concurrent evaluation of TPDS in 12 States. As per the evaluation, in 9 States, AAY households were receiving foodgrains close to their entitlement of 35 kg per family per month, while in three other States these were reported to be lower. These evaluation reports have been sent to concerned State Governments for taking necessary action to streamline the functioning of TPDS, including AAY.