

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

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ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS FOR TRIBALS

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

- (a) the details of foodgrains allocated for tribals in the country including Gujarat during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any proposal to supply foodgrains at Rs. 2 per kg. to the tribals;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the time by which it is likely to be implemented;
- (d) the number of families likely to benefit therefrom; and
- (e) the time by which the foodgrains are likely to be released?

**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),(b),(c),(d)&(e): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is jointly operated with shared responsibilities by the Government of India and State/UT Governments. Identification of eligible Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families including such tribal families as per estimates of Planning Commission and distribution of allocated foodgrains under TPDS are done by State/UT Governments. Details of allocations made under TPDS including for Gujarat during last three years and current year are at Annex.

Allocations of foodgrains for AAY and BPL categories are made @ 35 kg. per family per month for all accepted number of 6.52 crore families. Out of these, 2.43 crore are AAY families to whom rice is distributed at Rs. 3 per kg and wheat at Rs. 2 per kg.

Since eligible tribal families are already covered under BPL and AAY, it is not proposed to provide foodgrains separately in tribal areas.