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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:428 ANSWERED ON:02.08.2011 ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA Rajesh Shri M. B.

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

(a) the number of families currently benefited under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY);

(b) the number of primitive tribal families covered under the scheme;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the allocation under the said scheme; 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) & (b): At present, allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) are made to 6.52 crore accepted number of BPL families, which includes about 2.44 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families. Allocation of foodgrains to these families are made @ 35 kg per family per month.

As per the guidelines issued to the States/UTs for identification of AAY families within the ceiling of 2.50 crore AAY families given to them, all primitive tribal households are eligible for identification as AAY families. As the actual identification of AAY families is the responsibility of State/UT Governments, the details of number of primitive tribal households covered under the scheme are not maintained in this Department.

(c) & (d): At present, there is no proposal to increase the allocation under the AAY scheme.