

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

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

- (a) the quantum of foodgrains being provided to the Below Poverty Line (BPL) cardholders in Delhi as on date;
- (b) whether the Government has increased the prices of foodgrains while decreasing the quota for the poor under the Targeted Public Distribution System and Antyodaya Anna Yojana in Delhi; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Government allocates foodgrains (rice and wheat) to 6.52 crore accepted number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including about 2.44 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families to States/Union Territories (UTs) @ 35 kg per family per month for distribution to eligible beneficiaries. The foodgrains are being allocated to States/UTs at the Central Issue Prices (CIP) of Rs.4.15 per kg for wheat and Rs.5.65 per kg for rice for BPL families and Rs.2 per kg for wheat and Rs.3 per kg for rice for AAY families since July, 2000 for BPL and December, 2000 for AAY families.

As reported by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, for the month of September 2011, the State Government has allocated foodgrains @ 35 kg. of wheat and 14 kg. of rice (including additional quota) to BPL cardholders.