

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3861
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ANNAPURNA YOJNA
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cheap food grains provided to BPL families under the Annapurna Yojana is not reaching the targeted beneficiaries and is instead being sold in open market; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to curb the said practice?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN 'ADITYA')

(a) Annapurna was introduced on 1st April 2000 to provide 10 Kg of food grains per month free of cost to destitute person of age 65 years or above, who though eligible, could not be covered under the then National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS). Annapurna is a component of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), which was transferred to State Plan in the year 2002-03. Implementation of schemes under NSAP is done by the State Governments. Government has not received any report/complaint regarding diversion of food grains under the scheme.

(b) Does not arise.