

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

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

- (a) whether the poor in some of the States are proposed to be provided with free 35 kg of rice under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to extend this scheme to the other States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), focused on the poor, aims at distributing subsidized foodgrains to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), as a sub set of TPDS, covers the poorest families among the BPL category. Under TPDS, foodgrains (rice & wheat) are allocated at highly subsidized prices to about 2.44 crore AAY families @ 35 kg. per family per month @ Rs.2/- per kg for wheat and Rs.3/- per kg. for rice. However, there is no proposal for providing rice free of cost under the AAY.