

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched a scheme to provide foodgrains through NGOs to the poor people not covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and other welfare schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the foodgrains allotted under the said scheme during the last three years and the current year;
- (d) the names of the NGOs and other agencies involved in the distribution of the said foodgrains;
- (e) whether the Government has any mechanism in place to monitor such agencies to prevent the misuse of foodgrains; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (f): There is no scheme to provide food grains to the poor directly through Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs). However, under the Village Grain Bank Scheme, the State Governments/ UT Administrations are provided food grains to establish grain banks through Village Panchayats, Gram Sabhas, Women's Self Help Groups or NGOs in natural calamity prone, food scarce village or hamlet identified by the States/UTs.

Details of foodgrains allocated under the Village Grain Bank Scheme by the Central Government during 2008-09, 2009-10, 2010-11 and the current year are as follows:

Year Food grains allocated
(MTs)

2008-09 9628

2009-10 8856

2010-11 6836

2011-12 4328
(upto Oct. 2011)

The Central Government allocates foodgrains under the above scheme to the State Governments. The States are required to implement the scheme through appropriate and eligible Village Panchayats, Gram Sabhas, Women's Self Help Groups or NGOs and also monitor their implementation. Central Government do not maintain the list of the NGOs and other agencies involved in the implementation of the scheme in various States.