

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to supply nutritious food to the aged and the destitute; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Under Annapurna Scheme food grains are provided through State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations to indigent senior citizens of 65 years of age or above who are not getting old age pension under the National Old Age Pension Scheme(NOAPS). Food grains are provided @10 kg per person per month free of cost to the beneficiaries.

Food grains are allocated under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to certain identified priority groups at highly subsidized prices of Rs. 3/- per kg of rice and Rs.2/- per kg of wheat under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY). Destitutes are among those priority groups covered under AAY. Food grains are allocated to 2.34 crore AAY families in the country.