

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has been distributing foodgrains to the orphan, destitute and blind children etc. at cheaper rates;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the said facility has been discontinued; and 12:47 PM 12/27/2011
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): 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, orphans and disabled persons such as blind children are among those priority groups covered under AAY. Food grains are allocated to 2.43 crore AAY families in the country. In addition, under Welfare Institutions scheme, food grains are provided to States/ Union Territories (UTs) for allocation to eligible welfare institutions such as beggar homes, orphanages and nari-niketans, etc., at Below Poverty Line (BPL) prices.

The details of State-wise allocation of rice and wheat made under AAY & Welfare Institutions scheme during last three years are at Annex- I & II.

Allocation of food grains under the above schemes are still being continued.