

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS FOR POOR
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides foodgrains at cheaper rates to the identified classes of the population;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the allocation and offtake of foodgrains during each of the last three years and the current year, State- wise and category-wise;
- (c) whether there is any plan to provide foodgrains to other poor sections of the population in addition to the identified classes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the additional quantum of foodgrains required and the annual expenditure likely to be incurred on the said scheme?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), allocation of food grains is made to States/Union Territories (UTs) @ 35 kg. per family per month for all accepted number of 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including 2.43 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in the country. The allocation of food grains for 11.52 crore Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon the availability of food grains in the Central Pool and past offtake. Presently, these allocations range between 15 and 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs. The allocations for BPL, AAY and APL families are made at highly subsidized Central Issue Prices (CIPs) as indicated below:

(Rs. per kg)

Commodity AAY BPL APL

Wheat 2.00 4.15 6.10

Rice 3.00 5.65 Common - 7.95
Grade 'A' - 8.30

The details of the allocation & offtake of food grains (rice and wheat) made to States/UTs under BPL, AAY & APL categories during last three years and current year are at Annex-I to IV.

Considering the availability of food grains in the Central Pool and requests received from various States/UTs, the Government has made the following additional allocations for BPL, AAY and APL families during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12:

2009-10

i. 36.08 lakh tons of food grains in January 2010 at MSP based/derived prices to all States/UTs for distribution to AAY/BPL/APL families for two months.

2010-11

ii. 30.66 lakh tons of food grains in May 2010 for BPL/AAY/APL families to all States/UTs @ Rs.6.45 per kg for wheat and Rs.11.85

per kg for rice.

iii. 27.41 lakh tons of food grains in August 2010 to APL families at APL prices to ensure a minimum of 15kg of food grains per family per month to 21 States/UTs where it was less than that quantity.

iv. 3.65 lakh tons of food grains in August 2010 to APL families at APL prices to ensure 35 kg of food grains per family per month in 4 NE States, Sikkim and 2 hilly States where it was less than that quantity.

v. 25 lakh tons of food grains in September, 2010 and 25 lakh tons in January 2011 to all States/UTs for BPL families at BPL prices.

vi. 25 lakh tons of food grains to all States/UTs in January 2011 for APL families @ Rs.8.45 per kg for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg for rice.

2011-12

vii. 50 lakh tons of food grains to all States/UTs for BPL families at BPL prices in May 2011.

viii. 50 lakh tons of food grains in June 2011 to APL families at APL prices, raising per family monthly allocation from June 2011 to 15 kg in 20 States/UTs and 35 kg in 4 NE States, Sikkim and 2 hilly States of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where allocation was less than that quantity.

(c)to(e): In addition to above mentioned allocations, the Government has made an additional allocation of 23.67 lakh tons of food grains during July to October 2011 to BPL and AAY families in 174 poorest/ backward districts in 27 States in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court. This include 7.59 lakh tons of food grains for distribution to AAY families at AAY prices and 16.08 lakh tons for BPL families at BPL prices, entailing an estimated subsidy of Rs. 3012.57 crores.