

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:65
ANSWERED ON:14.08.2012
ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the allocation and offtake of foodgrains made for Above Poverty Line (APL) and Below Poverty Line (BPL) beneficiaries under the Public Distribution System (PDS) and to bulk consumers during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase or make additional allocation under PDS and Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) to bulk consumers to meet the demand of some States and tackle storage crisis;
- (c) if so, the details thereof indicating the quantum of the said allocation, State-wise; and
- (d) the additional burden to be borne by the Government for making the said allocation for BPL families?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 65 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.8.2012.

(a) to (d) : The State-wise and category-wise details of the allocation of foodgrains (rice & wheat) (including additional allocations) made under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and under Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS) (Domestic) for the last three years and the current year are at Annex- I to V.

Considering the surplus stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool and requests received from States/UTs for higher/additional allocation, Government has made an adhoc additional allocation of 50 lakh tons of foodgrains to all the States/UTs in July 2012 for distribution to the additional BPL families at BPL prices upto March, 2013. The estimated gross subsidy on account of the above additional allocation is Rs. 8411.248 crore. Further, in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court and as per the recommendations of the Committee headed by Justice (Retd.) D.P. Wadhwa, Government has also made additional allocation of 15.80 lakh tons of foodgrains during the current year for the additional Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the poorest districts in 16 States. This includes 11584 tons of rice for additional Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in the two poorest districts of Andhra Pradesh. The estimated additional subsidy on the above allocation is Rs. 2681.978 crore. State-wise details of the above allocations are at Annex III and IV.

Under OMSS (D), Government has also approved additional allocation of 30 lakh tons of wheat for tender sale to bulk consumers for the period July 2012 to March 2013. In addition, balance quantity from the wheat allocation of 15 lakh tons made for the period October 2011 to September 2012 has also been allowed to be sold to bulk consumers through tenders. Out of this, 13.20 lakh tons of wheat has been offered for sale in different States so far. State-wise details of allocation made to bulk consumers are at Annex V.