

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1499  
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FOODGRAINS FOR WELFARE ORGANISATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the schemes being implemented for supply of foodgrains to welfare organisations, like orphanages, old age homes, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes hostels etc. along with the quantum and price of foodgrains allocated during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated, released, spent and lying unspent under the said schemes during the said period, Statewise;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated/assessed the impact/success of the said scheme; and
- (d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof ?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India allocates foodgrains to welfare organisations under Welfare Institutions and SC/ST/OBC Hostels scheme. Allocation under Welfare Institutions are made to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations (UTs) to meet the requirements of beggar homes, orphanages, homes for nari-niketans etc. sponsored by the State Governments/UTs. Under SC/ST/OBC Hostels scheme all the residents of the hostels having 2/3rd students belonging to SC/ST/OBC are eligible to get 15 kg foodgrains per resident per month. In such hostels, foodgrains are provided for all the resident students, including those who belong to other categories. Under both the schemes, only foodgrains are allocated at BPL prices and there is no provision for release of funds under these schemes. During the last three years viz. 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 & 2012-13(till date), this Department has allocated 3.12 lakh tons, 3.83 lakh tons, 3.34 lakh tons, 1.75 lakh tons (till date) of foodgrains respectively under these schemes at BPL prices i.e. wheat for Rs. 415 per quintal and rice for Rs. 565 per quintal.

(c) : No Madam.

(d): Does not arise in view of (c) above.