

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3815  
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PDS FOR BPL  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to limit the Public Distribution System (PDS) exclusively to those possessing the Below Poverty Line (BPL) cards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of foodgrains allotted to the State of Kerala during the last two years?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Government of India allocates foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families @ 35 kg per family per month. Allocation of foodgrains are also made to Above Poverty Line (APL) families based on the availability of foodgrains in central pool and past offtake, which, presently range between 15 kg and 35 kg per family per month. There is no proposal under consideration at present to limit the allocation of foodgrains under TPDS to those possessing BPL cards.

(c) Details of the foodgrains allocated under TPDS to the State of Kerala for the years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 are as under:

(In thousand tons)

YEAR            ALLOTMENT

BPL    AAY    BPL+    AAY    APL    TOTAL

2010-	Rice	318.792	250.260	569.052	580.586	1,149.638
2011	Wheat	83.556	0.000	83.556	166.452	250.008
	Total	402.348	250.260	652.608	747.038	1,399.646

2011-	Rice	318.792	250.260	569.052	587.252	1,156.304
2012	Wheat	83.556	0.000	83.556	191.814	275.370
	Total	402.348	250.260	652.608	779.066	1,431.674

# APL allocation includes additional allocation of foodgrains made for APL families in the last two years ensuring thereby monthly APL allocation @ 15 kg per family per month and 50000 tons of rice made in July 2010 for Onam Festival 2010.

Details of additional allocations of foodgrains made to the State of Kerala during the last two years, over and above normal TPDS allocation, are as under:

2010-11

- (i) 153870 tons of foodgrains allocated in May 2010 for all accepted number of BPL/AAY/APL families under TPDS.

(ii) 125653 tons of foodgrains allocated in September, 2010, January 2011 and November 2011 for BPL families,

(iii) 179893 tons of foodgrains allocated in January 2011 for APL families. This includes 54000 tons of rice and 27000 tons of wheat made on 2.9.2011 for Onam Festival 2011.

2011-12

(i) 119168 tons of foodgrains allocated in May 2011 for BPL families,

(ii) 5068 tons of foodgrains allocated on 23.8.2011 and 10.10.2011 for additional AAY and BPL families in the 2 poorest districts - Palakkad and Waynad.