

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR BPL FAMILIES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds allocated by the Government for the benefit of the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) during the last three years till date, year-wise and scheme- wise;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to increase the monthly foodgrains allocation for the families living below and above poverty line;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

(a): Major schemes implemented by the Government for the benefit of the families living Below Poverty Line (BPL) are Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), Swarnajayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY)/National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM), National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), Swarn Jayanti Sahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). The details of Central funds allocated under these schemes during the last 3 years till date, year-wise, scheme-wise are given in the Annexure.

(b) to (d): Under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), allocation of foodgrains to States/Union Territories (UTs) is presently made by the Department of Food and Public Distribution. The Government is making allocation of foodgrains for accepted number of 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including 2.43 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families @ 35 kilogram (kg) per family per month. Allocations of foodgrains for Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon availability of foodgrains stocks in the Central Pool and past off take by the States/UTs. Presently, these allocations range between 15 and 35 kg per family per month in different States/UTs. Under Annapurna Scheme, 10 kg of foodgrains (rice or wheat) per month are provided free of cost to the destitute who are 65 years of age or above, though eligible but remained uncovered under National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS) since 1st April, 2000. However, the Government has introduced the National Food Security Bill, 2011 in the Parliament in December, 2011. The Bill seeks to provide 7 kg of foodgrains per person per month for priority households and not less than 3 kg of foodgrains for general households.