

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:301
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ALLOCATION FOR FOOD SUBSIDY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Budget allocation towards Food Subsidy during the 12th Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the Union Government is providing any subsidy to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for maintaining the buffer stock as a measure of food security;
- (c) if so, the details of the funds allocation for the 12th Five Year Plan, yearwise; and
- (d) the difference between the economic cost of foodgrains and their sales realisation at the Central Issue Price?

Answer

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

- (a) Food subsidy is a Non-Plan expenditure, and therefore no allocation for the subsidy is made in Five Year Plan.
- (b) and (c) Yes, Madam. Buffer subsidy is provided for maintaining buffer stock and is a part of the food subsidy. The amount of food subsidy released to Food Corporation of India (FCI) during 2011-12 and 2012-13 are as under:-

Year Amount (Rs. in crore)

2011-12 59525.90

2012-13 61977.99
(up to 21.
02.2013)

- (d) The difference between the economic cost for the year 2012-13 (RE) of foodgrains and Central Issue Price (CIP) in respect of Targeted Public Distribution System is as under:-

(Rs./qtl)

Scheme Wheat

Economic cost CIP Difference

APL 1798.96 610 1188.96

BPL	1798.96	415	1383.96
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AAY	1798.96	200	1598.96
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Rice

APL	2351.22	830	1521.22
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BPL	2351.22	565	1786.22
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AAY	2351.22	300	2051.22
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