

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3067
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ALLOCATION FOR AAY
Gangaram Shri Awale Jaywant

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total quantum of foodgrains allotted to each State under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana during each of the last two years and the current year, State-wise
- (b) whether requests have been received from the State Governments for increasing the amount of subsidy or providing additional subsidy under the said scheme; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)to(c): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) caters to 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, which include 2.43 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households. Foodgrains are allocated for these AAY families @ 35 kg per family per month. State-wise details of annual allocations of foodgrains made for AAY category during the last two years and the current year are at Annex.

AAY is a subset of BPL category under TPDS, and subsidized foodgrains are allocated to States & UTs for these AAY families. Food subsidy is not directly released as grants in cash. For increasing number of AAY families for allocations, one request has been received from Government of Orissa for Kandhamal districts. This is presently under examination.