

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2947  
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ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of persons benefited under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) in various States including Uttar Pradesh during the last two years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the allocation and offtake of foodgrains under the said scheme during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) whether any study has been conducted or is proposed to be conducted to ascertain that the targetted groups are getting the foodgrains allocated for them under the 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) : Against the accepted number of about 2.50 crore Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families given to State/Union Territory(UT) Governments, upto July 2013, States/UTs have reported issuance of ration cards to 2.43 crore AAY families. Out of the above, against the accepted number of 40.945 lakh AAY families given to State of Uttar Pradesh, upto July, 2013, State Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported issuance of AAY ration cards to 40.945 lakh AAY families. State/UT - wise details of number of families covered under AAY during the years 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 (upto 31.7.2013) by the State/UT Governments are given at Annex-I.

(b) : The details of allocation of foodgrains (rice & wheat) made during 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14 under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to AAY families and their offtake are at Annex-II. Further, in pursuance to the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and on the recommendations of Justice (Retd.) D.P. Wadhwa, additional allocation of foodgrains has also been made for additional AAY families during 2011-12 and 2012-13. State-wise details of these allocations and their offtake are at Annex-III.

(c) & (d): This Department has been getting the functioning of TPDS, including the implementation of AAY, evaluated by different agencies from time to time. The latest evaluation study of TPDS was got conducted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in respect of 12 States (reports submitted in 2007-09) and through Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) (reports submitted in 2010-11) in respect of 14 States. These evaluation studies have revealed certain shortcomings/deficiencies in the functioning of TPDS, such as inclusion/exclusion errors, leakages/diversion of foodgrains, etc. The reports received have been sent to the concerned States/UTs for taking necessary remedial measures to remove the deficiencies noticed in the functioning of TPDS.