

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3114  
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FOODGRAINS FOR OLD DESTITUTES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether many aged persons and destitutes are facing hunger and starvation despite various schemes launched by the Government to provide nutritious food to aged persons and destitutes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the funds allocated by the Government to provide nutritious food to aged persons and destitutes throughout the country including Bihar during each of the last three years and the current year along with the success achieved in reducing hunger among them, scheme and State-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) The Government provides food grains at highly subsidized prices to the targeted beneficiaries throughout the country including Bihar under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) such as Welfare Institutions Scheme, SC/ST/OBC Hostels scheme, Mid-Day Meal Scheme, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Scheme for Empowerment of Adolescent Girls, Annapurna Scheme, Emergency Feeding Programme, etc.

The Antyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme (AAY) is particularly targeted towards the poorest of the poor category of the population. State Governments have been advised to include the really poor and vulnerable section of the society for the purpose.

All these schemes/programmes have potential to address one or other aspect of hunger/nutrition.