

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
DIFFERENTIAL PRICING OF GRAIN FOR APL CARD HOLDERS .

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

- (a) whether Government is considering to solve the issue of differential pricing of grain for Above Poverty Line (APL) card holders;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has received certain suggestions/proposals from the Planning Commission and the National Advisory Council on fixation of prices of grains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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(a)&(b): Presently Central Issue Prices (CIP) of wheat , rice and coarse grains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for APL category are as under:-

(Rs. Per Kg.) Wheat Rice(Grade A) Coarsegrains 6.10 8.30 4.50 In addition to normal allocations of wheat and rice for this category under TPDS, additional quantities of foodgrains are also allocated to States & UTs for APL category and for retail consumers under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS). Their issue prices are fixed from time to time. Similarly, foodgrains are also released for bulk consumers through tender process. Government periodically reviews the Central Issue Prices under these schemes.

(c) & (d): Certain suggestions have been received from National Advisory Council with reference to the proposed National Food Security Bill. These are being examined.