

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 07.03.2011
ANSWERED ON
PRICE OF RICE AND WHEAT FOR BPL AND APL FAMILIES .

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

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(a) the price at which Government has released additional BPL and APL rice and wheat to the State Governments;

(b) whether they are different from the rates at which monthly foodgrain allocations were made earlier; and

(c) the price at which the allocated foodgrains are sold/distributed to the card holders belonging to BPL and APL categories by each State Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The following special/additional allocations have been made for BPL and APL categories :-

- i) 30.66 lakh tons of foodgrains in May, 2010 for all accepted number of BPL/AAY/APL families @ Rs.8.45 per kg. for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg. for rice.
- ii) 25.00 lakh tons of foodgrains for BPL families at BPL prices to all States/UTs in September, 2010 for distribution for six months.
- iii) 25.00 lakh tons of foodgrains for BPL families at BPL prices to all States/UTs in January, 2011 for distribution for six months.
- iv) 25.00 lakh tons of foodgrains for APL families @ Rs.8.45 per kg. for wheat and Rs.11.85 per kg. for rice to all States/UTs in January, 2011 for distribution for six months.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The regular allocations under TPDS are being made at the Central Issue Prices (CIP) for BPL and APL categories to State Govts. The CIP in respect of wheat and rice is as follows :-

(Rs./kg.)

	AAY	BPL	APL
Wheat	2	4.15	6.10
Rice	3	5.65	8.30 (Grade A)

Some of the State Governments are further subsidizing and the final rate may vary from State to State.