

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
ALLOTMENT OF RICE AND WHEAT TO KERALA .

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

(a) whether Government has supplied the demanded quantity of rice and wheat to the State of Kerala for Public Distribution System; and

(b) if so, the details of demand, allocation and supply of rice and wheat to the State of Kerala for the last one year, month-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE
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(a)&(b): The allocations of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are not demand based. Allocations of foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System are made based on approved norms i.e. @ 35 kg. per family per month for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families on the basis of 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission projected on the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by State Government, whichever is less. Accordingly, allocations of foodgrains for BPL and AAY categories are made @ 35 kg. per family per month for all accepted 15.54 lakh BPL/AAY families in Kerala. Allocations under APL category are made depending upon the availability of stocks of food grains in Central Pool and past offtake.

Existing monthly allocation of foodgrains under TPDS to Kerala for 2009-10 are as under:

(Qty. in tons)

Commodity

AAY

BPL

APL

Rice

20855

26566

36056

Wheat

0

6963

11777

Total
20855
33529
47833

Kerala Govt. has requested for enhancement of APL rice allocation upto 113420 tons and wheat upto 37325 tons. Besides requests have been received for additional allocations of rice and wheat at APL rate on account of festivals, etc.

Considering the requests and availability of stocks in the Central Pool, the rice allocation for APL category to the State was increased to 3.51 lakh tons during 2008-09 as against 3.07 lakh tons during the year 2007-08. This is in addition to 1.61 lakh tons of wheat allocated in 2008-09 and 2.25 lakh tons in 2007-08. During the current year, the initial allocation of rice was 4.33 lakh tons and 1.41 lakh tons of wheat. With additional allocations of 50,000 tons of rice and 25,000 tons of wheat for Onam festival, the total allocations for this category during the current year are 4.83 lakh tons of rice and 1.66 lakh tons of wheat.

Besides, under Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS), Government has released 40,660 tons of wheat and 25,675 tons of rice for distribution to retail consumers during October to December, 2009.

Month-wise details of allocations of foodgrains made to Kerala under TPDS from December, 2008 to November, 2009 are at Annex.