



**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND  
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO 822**

**ANSWERED ON 14.08.2012**

**NORMS FOR BPL**

**822 . Shri PRASANTA KUMAR MAJUMDAR**

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

**(a) the criteria presently adopted by the Government for defining the Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Above Poverty Line (APL) categories;**

**(b) whether the Government is not providing subsidised ration and sugar to the APL families; and**

**(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?**

### **ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)**

**(a) : Planning Commission is the nodal agency of the Government of India for estimating poverty at National and State levels. Planning Commission defines poverty line on the basis of Monthly Per Capita Consumption Expenditure (MPCE) as the criterion. For estimating the poverty, Planning Commission uses the defined poverty line based on the methodology suggested by experts in the field.**

**For allocation of foodgrains (wheat and rice) to States and Union Territories (UTs) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Department of Food & Public Distribution uses the number of Below Poverty Line (BPL) families based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission and the population estimates of Registrar General of India as on 1st March 2000 or the number of such families actually identified and ration cards issued to them by State/UT Governments, whichever is less.**

**(b) & (c) : Depending upon their availability in central pool and past offtake, foodgrains are being allocated to Above Poverty Line (APL) families at the Central Issue Price of Rs.6.10 per kg for wheat and Rs.8.30 per kg for rice. Presently, the allocations for APL category range between 15 kg and 35 kg foodgrains per family per month in different States/UTs. In view of special geographical conditions and difficult terrain, allocation @ 35 kg/family/month is being made to 13 special category States/UTs including the North Eastern States, Sikkim, hilly States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttarakhand and Island UTs of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. Details of State-wise allocation and offtake of foodgrains in respect of APL category are given at Annexure - I.**

**As regards distribution of sugar to APL families under TPDS, Government has restructured the supply of levy sugar in February, 2001 and restricted its supply to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families except in North Eastern States, Hilly States and Island Territories where universal coverage was allowed to continue. Details of monthly levy sugar quota for above-referred States/UTs is at Annexure - II.**

**ANNEXURE-I**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 822 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.8.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA ALLOCATION AND OFFTAKE OF FOODGRAINS IN RESPECT OF ABOVE POVERTY LINE (APL) CATEGORY UNDER TPDS FOR THE YEARS 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 AND 2012-13**

(In thousand tons)

SL. NO	STATES/UTs	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12		2012-13	
		ALLOTMENT	OFFTAKE	ALLOTMENT	OFFTAKE	ALLOTMENT*	OFFTAKE	ALLOTMENT**	OFFTAKE***
1	ANDHRA PD	2,177.87	1,876.25	1,970.10	1,733.90	2,031.876	1,421.424	2,116.44	430.24
2	ARUNACHAL PD	60.06	59.38	60.06	49.74	60.060	47.688	60.06	16.59
3	ASSAM	715.05	632.50	902.21	832.31	1,035.840	897.337	1,115.94	243.55
4	BIHAR	697.69	227.63	803.40	400.29	910.520	332.968	964.08	53.38
5	CHHATTISGARH	304.32	224.67	380.40	355.99	431.120	310.676	456.48	95.30
6	DELHI	420.77	442.52	423.95	456.78	426.078	401.112	427.14	109.38
7	GOA	35.14	34.26	57.18	42.03	48.676	48.898	51.40	14.05
8	GUJARAT	796.44	279.50	995.55	636.34	1,128.290	410.464	1,194.66	151.60
9	HARYANA	649.08	195.15	353.85	285.20	401.030	246.288	424.62	53.32

10	HIMACHAL PD	281.59	254.61	293.11	284.46	303.266	301.354	312.06	79.02
11	J & K	447.72	459.84	448.02	443.44	447.720	432.316	448.32	125.63
12	JHARKHAND	306.30	75.45	313.92	102.38	333.540	53.709	353.16	2.77
13	KARNATAKA	853.22	755.74	946.20	856.40	1,072.370	956.913	1,492.65	285.80
14	KERALA	649.00	581.90	747.04	705.90	779.066	777.361	820.08	235.04
15	MADHYA PD	1,298.39	884.17	877.98	793.65	948.260	621.952	1,004.04	186.31
16	MAHARASHTRA	1,765.06	1,021.77	1,746.11	1,085.98	1,902.810	1,017.468	2,074.74	280.59
17	MANIPUR	47.41	45.09	72.11	27.63	90.714	56.910	101.22	26.84
18	MEGHALAYA	70.42	69.08	106.07	81.69	104.836	105.925	111.72	29.12
19	MIZORAM	54.35	49.92	41.58	38.13	41.580	39.522	41.58	9.94
20	NAGALAND	77.47	77.09	74.80	82.43	74.796	83.855	74.80	23.29
21	ORISSA	419.16	378.22	525.10	412.15	422.216	381.656	497.57	106.25
22	PUNJAB	1,017.38	825.10	589.81	513.89	617.564	515.966	631.44	103.74
23	RAJASTHAN	924.44	907.22	1,016.11	918.00	1,094.120	1,071.022	1,158.48	288.87
24	SIKKIM	25.98	25.91	26.01	26.06	26.030	25.518	26.04	6.36
25	TAMILNADU	1,725.46	1,955.10	1,680.46	1,669.12	1,680.456	1,683.153	1,680.46	394.81
26	TRIPURA	178.10	156.94	178.72	131.74	184.134	150.345	179.34	45.86
27	UTTAR PD	2,554.71	2,157.64	2,463.77	2,059.86	2,629.410	2,009.186	2,783.34	490.45
28	UTTARAKHAND	226.83	197.92	264.95	234.48	292.530	255.509	308.82	80.50
29	WEST BENGAL	1,141.28	1,166.36	1,426.60	1,298.50	1,588.490	1,367.911	1,681.93	408.37
30	A&N ISLANDS	25.04	14.13	26.88	13.84	26.880	11.189	26.88	2.94
31	CHANDIGARH	21.60	21.64	27.00	22.32	30.600	30.599	32.40	7.51
32	D&N HAVELI	2.16	0.73	2.70	0.63	3.060	2.663	3.24	0.81
33	DAMAN & DIU	2.64	0.59	3.30	0.65	3.750	2.350	3.97	0.73
34	LAKSHADWEEP	3.36	2.45	3.36	4.90	3.360	2.793	5.36	1.10
35	PUDUCHERRY	18.60	6.48	21.00	15.57	23.800	16.341	25.20	4.86
	TOTAL	19,994.09	16,062.90	19,869.40	16,616.34	21,198.848	16,090.341	22,689.66	4,394.92

Allocation for APL category includes the additional allocation of 50.00 lakh tons made on 30.6.2011

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\*\* Allocation for APL category includes the additional allocation of 60.00 lakh tons

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upto June, 2012  
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**ANNEXURE-II**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) & (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 822 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.8.2012 IN THE LOK SABHA**

**MONTHLY LEVY SUGAR QUOTA FOR SPECIAL CATEGORY STATES/HILLY STATES/ISLANDS TERRITORIES (WITH EFFECT FROM 1.2.2001)**

<b>SL.N O</b>	<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Sugar distribution norms (gms. per person per month)</b>	<b>Monthly levy requirement (in MTs.)</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Assam</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>18,337</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Arunachal Pradesh</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>834</b>

<b>3</b>	<b>Andaman &amp; Nicobar Islands</b>	<b>1,008</b>	<b>389</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Himachal Pradesh</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>4,698</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Jammu &amp; Kashmir</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>6,962</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Lakshadweep</b>	<b>1,625</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Manipur</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,763</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Meghalaya</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,704</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Mizoram</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>666</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Nagaland</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>1,179</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Sikkim</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>391</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Tripura</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>2,647</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Uttaranchal</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>6,033</b>