

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1681  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018

**RESTRICTION IN DISTRIBUTION OF SUGAR  
THROUGH PDS**

1681. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY:

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

- (a) the details of allocation of rice, wheat, etc., sought by Karnataka and made it to in the last five years and the current year for distribution among BPL, APL and AAY, year-wise;
- (b) the details of pulses sought by Karnataka and released by the Ministry during the above period, year-wise;
- (c) the reasons for removal of distribution of sugar through PDS by paying a fixed subsidy; and
- (d) the reasons for restricting distribution of sugar to only AAY families from June this year?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a): Government of Karnataka implemented the National Food Security Act (NFSA) from January, 2014. Under NFSA, the coverage is under two categories- households covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH) and foodgrains as per NFSA norms are being allocated to Karnataka for the identified eligible households under NFSA. Before implementation of NFSA, foodgrains were allocated to Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, including Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families **and Above Poverty Line (APL) families** in the State. In addition, additional APL and BPL allocation were also made. The allocation of foodgrain made to Karnataka in the last five years and the current year for distribution is placed at **Annexure**.

The Central Government has decontrolled the sugar sector by removing the levy obligation on sugar mills from 2012-13 sugar seasons. After deregulation of sugar sector, a new dispensation for distribution of sugar under PDS was put in place w.e.f. 01.06.2013 wherein State Government/UT Administrations were required to procure sugar from the open market through transparent system. The Central Government had been reimbursing a fixed sugar subsidy @ Rs. 18.50 per kg to the participating states/UTs towards distribution of sugar under Public Distribution System (PDS) to the targeted population covering BPL population and all the population of North Eastern States /Special Category States/Hilly states and Island Territories as per 2001 Census to make sugar available at the retail issue price of is Rs. 13.50 per kg. The sugar distributed in PDS under sugar subsidy scheme by the Government of Karnataka from the FY 2013-14 to 2016-17 is as under-

Sl.No	Financial Year	Sugar distributed (In MT)
1	2013-14	52679.57
2	2014-15	106184.50
3	2015-16	107592.71
4	2016-17	91980.00

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(b): In respect of Karnataka, 705.93 MT of unlimited Tur was released in 2016-17 while in 2017-18, 71,284.50 MT of milled Tur has been supplied.

(c) & (d): The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 is now being universally implemented in the entire country. There is no identified category of BPL under the NFSA, 2013. However, the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries are clearly identified. The Government has reviewed the sugar subsidy scheme in May 2017 and has decided to continue it only for AAY families. The Central Government will continue to reimburse a fixed subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg @ 1 kg per month per AAY family to participating States/ UTs. The States/UTs are also allowed either to absorb the additional cost on account of handling, transportation and dealer's commission or pass it on to the consumer by adding it to the Retail Issue Price (RIP) of Rs. 13.50 per kg under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The revised guidelines for reimbursement of sugar subsidy to State/UTs for distribution of sugar under Public Distribution System (PDS) for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families has been issued to all States/UTs vide letter dated 02.06.2017. The Government of Karnataka has not yet given its consent towards participation in the sugar subsidy scheme in AAY families. The annual quota of sugar of Karnataka state under the sugar subsidy scheme for AAY families is 14396 MT.

The Central Government has not discontinued the distribution of sugar in PDS. The sugar subsidy scheme has been continued with the coverage of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families in order to give access to consumption of sugar, as source of energy in diet, for the poorest of the poor section of the society i.e. AAY families. The Central Government will continue to reimburse a fixed subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg @ 1 kg per month per AAY family to participating States/ UTs.

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## ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1681 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09-03-2018 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

## Allocation and Offtake of Foodgrain for Karnataka

(In thousand tons)

Year	Allocation						Total
	Foodgrain	BPL	AAY	APL	NFSA	Tideover	
2012-13	Rice	691.392	394.956	1337.940			2424.288
	Wheat	145.068	82.860	154.712			382.640
	coarsegrain	0.000	0.000	0.000			0.000
	<b>Total(R+W)</b>	<b>836.460</b>	<b>477.816</b>	<b>1492.652</b>			<b>2806.928</b>
2013-14	Rice	691.392	394.956	691.956			1778.304
	Wheat	145.068	82.860	65.004			292.932
	coarsegrain	0.000	0.000	0.000			0.000
	<b>Total(R+W)</b>	<b>836.460</b>	<b>477.816</b>	<b>756.960</b>			<b>2071.236</b>
2014-15	Rice				2422.132	0.000	2422.132
	Wheat				120.525	0.000	120.525
	coarsegrain				0.000	0.000	0.000
	<b>Total(R+W)</b>				<b>2542.657</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>2542.657</b>
2015-16	Rice				2032.403	0.000	2032.403
	Wheat				433.639	0.000	433.639
	coarsegrain				142.794	0.000	142.794
	<b>Total(R+W)</b>				<b>2608.836</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>2608.836</b>
2016-17	Rice				2117.015	0.000	2117.015
	Wheat				280.923	0.000	280.923
	coarsegrain				210.898	0.000	210.898
	<b>Total(R+W)</b>				<b>2608.836</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>2608.836</b>
2017-18	Rice				2608.836	0.000	2608.836
	Wheat				0.000	0.000	0.000
	coarsegrain				0.000	0.000	0.000
	<b>Total(R+W)</b>				<b>2608.836</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>2608.836</b>

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