

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5923
ANSWERED ON:02.05.2003
NON-LIFTING OF GRAINS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB

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

- (a) whether the poorest amongst poor are not lifting their grains from the Public Distribution System under Annapurna and Antodaya Scheme due to weak purchasing power;
- (b) the stock of foodgrains as on March 31, 2003 commodity-wise in each State yet to be lifted by respective States; and
- (c) the reasons for not lifting the foodgrains by respective States under PDS during stipulated period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI S. MAHARIA)

(a): No, Sir. Under Annapurna Scheme, foodgrains are allotted to the beneficiaries free of cost and lifting is, therefore, not related to weak purchasing power. The offtake of foodgrains under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) has been more than 80% of the allocation during the last two years.

(b): A statement showing stocks of foodgrains (rice & wheat) allotted under Annapurna and AAY from 1-4-2002 to 31-3-2003 in each State and the quantities yet to be lifted is at Annexure.

(c): The offtake of foodgrains by States/UTs under Public Distribution System depends on several factors such as parity between the issue prices of the foodgrains and the open market prices, availability of foodgrains in the open market, purchasing power of PDS consumers, quality considerations and the eating habits of the people in the different regions of the country.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5923 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 02-05-2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

STATEMENT SHOWING STOCKS OF FOODGRAINS (RICE & WHEAT) ALLOTTED UNDER ANNA PURNA AND ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA FROM 1-4-2002 TO 31-3-2003 IN EACH STATE AND THE QUANTITIES YET TO BE LIFTED.

(IN `000 TONNES)

SL. NO.	STATES/UTs	ANNA PURNA	ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJANA	
	RICE	WHEAT	RICE	WHEAT
	QUANTITY	QUANTITY	QUANTITY	QUANTITY

ALLO-	LIF-	ALLO-	LIF-	ALLO-	LIF-	ALLO-	LIF-
TTED	TTED	TTED	TTED	TTED	TTED	TTED	TTED

1	ANDHRA PRADESH	11.18	1.67	0.00	-0.01	261.58	26.93	0.00	0.00
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.00	-0.73	0.00	0.00	6.35	0.64	0.00	0.00
3	ASSAM	0.00	-1.65	0.00	0.00	118.24	13.31	0.00	0.00
4	BIHAR	7.630	2.51	11.440	4.17	168.00	37.28	252.00	48.81
5	CHHATTISGARH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	120.71	116.05	0.00	0.00
6	DELHI	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.02	3.74	0.59	9.70	1.25
7	GOA	0.09	0.05	0.00	0.00	3.07	0.82	0.00	0.00
8	GUJARAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27.30	3.72	109.20	17.24
9	HARYANA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	46.97	4.07
10	IMACHAL PRADESH	0.76	-0.01	0.00	0.00	18.97	0.11	14.09	0.32
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	1.22	1.22	0.00	0.00	36.07	12.14	11.35	3.06
12	JHARKHAND	6.52	2.23	0.00	0.00	71.42	23.00	82.52	21.23

13	KARNATAKA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.30	15.73	40.08	4.70
14	KERALA	0.00	-4.89	0.00	0.00	100.04	0.52	0.00	0.00
15	MADHYA PRADESH	0.00	-0.55	0.00	-2.18	68.74	1.09	196.87	12.89
16	MAHARASHTRA	1.20	1.07	0.00	-0.08	147.25	19.95	273.47	37.09
17	MANIPUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.72	-0.25	0.00	0.00
18	MEGHALAYA	1.11	0.47	0.00	0.00	11.81	0.93	0.00	0.00
19	MIZORAM	0.31	0.31	0.00	0.00	4.42	0.00	0.00	0.00
20	NAGALAND	0.00	-0.40	0.00	0.00	6.38	0.00	1.56	-0.01
21	ORISSA	7.77	0.93	0.00	0.00	212.32	30.62	0.00	0.00
22	PUNJAB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.12	14.91
23	RAJASTHAN	0.00	0.00	12.63	0.01	1.80	1.43	154.69	5.92
24	SIKKIM	0.30	0.30	0.00	0.00	2.82	-0.06	0.00	0.00
25	TAMIL NADU	8.63	1.25	0.00	0.00	290.50	2.94	0.00	0.00
26	TRIPURA	1.78	0.01	0.00	0.00	19.00	0.15	0.00	0.00
27	UTTAR PRADESH	0.00	0.00	0.00	-35.06	230.24	83.50	455.18	124.90
28	UTTARANCHAL	0.00	-0.60	0.00	0.00	22.48	15.51	9.58	3.58
29	WEST BENGAL	5.16	2.04	0.00	0.00	153.89	57.83	153.90	46.39
30	A & N ISLANDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.30	1.30	0.50	0.50
31	CHANDIGARH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.89	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	D & N HAVELI	0.04	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.84	0.16	0.34	0.15
33	DAMAN & DIU	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.07	0.08	0.00
34	LAKSHADWEEP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.17	0.17	0.00	0.00
35	PONDICHERRY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.85	0.71	0.00	0.00
T O T A L		53.700	5.270	24.090	-33.130	2285.33	466.88	1842.19	347.01