

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

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

- (a) whether under the Public Distribution System, various schemes available for the BPL families are made available to the people of Mumbai;
- (b) the number of families identified as BPL in Mumbai;
- (c) whether any survey has been conducted to identify BPL families in Maharashtra particularly in Mumbai;
- (d) if so, the number of families identified as BPL;
- (e) whether any re-survey is being planned;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) the benefits available to BPL families under PDS?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): In Mumbai, 43506 BPL beneficiaries under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) have been identified including 9316 AAY families.
- (c): At the inception of TPDS, the BPL survey conducted by Rural Development Department as per guidelines of Planning Commission was taken as the base for identification of TPDS beneficiaries in rural areas. In urban areas including Mumbai, forms were got filled from households and those families whose income was less than Rs.15,000/- per annum were identified as beneficiaries for the benefits of TPDS.
- (d): Under TPDS 43506 families have been identified in Mumbai including 9316 families under AAY.
- (e): No, Sir.
- (f): Does not arise.
- (g): The BPL families are supplied with Wheat, Rice, Sugar and Kerosene under the Public Distribution System.