

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:922

ANSWERED ON:25.07.2003

SURVEY OF BPL FAMILIES

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

- (a) whether the Government have conducted survey with regard to all the families living below the poverty line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the quantum of foodgrains supplied to the families living below poverty line during the last three years; and
- (d) the quantum of foodgrains likely to be supplied in the current financial year?

Answer

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

(a): The Ministry of Rural Development conduct the BPL Census in all the rural areas of the country in the beginning of each Plan period, through the State Governments/UT Administrations for identification of persons living below the poverty line for targeting them under the Programmes of the Ministry. Accordingly, the last BPL Census was conducted in the year 1997 in all the States and Union Territories. The BPL Census 2002 for the 10th Plan period is in progress.

(b): The statement showing State-wise number of households identified as BPL as per 1997 Census is annexed.

(c): The quantum of foodgrains allotted to BPL families (including Antyodaya families) during the last three years are as under:

Year Allocation in lakh tonnes

2000-01	160.27
2001-02	198.26
2002-03	268.99

(d): As per norms the allocation for 2003-04 works out to 270 lakh metric tonnes approximately.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.922 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.7.2003
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S.No. States/Uts No. of Rural families below the Poverty Line

1 Andhra Pradesh	4184628
2 Arunachal Pradesh	80627
3 Assam	2164416
4 Bihar	9399281
5 Goa	23101
6 Gujarat	1980879
7 Haryana	503019
8 Himachal Pradesh	286112
9 J & K	606545
10 Karnataka	2202756
11 Kerala	1723556
12 Madhya Pradesh	5111874
13 Maharashtra	3860675
14 Manipur	246980
15 Meghalaya	163812
16 Mizoram	74154

17 Nagaland	88541
18 Orissa	4445736
19 Punjab	650209
20 Rajasthan	2097560
21 Tamil Nadu	2737921
22 Tripura	397798
23 Uttar Pradesh	7541494
24 West Bengal	4918296
25 A & N Islands	4383
26 D&N Haveli	17231
27 Daman & Diu	395
28 Lakshadweep	885
29 Pondichery	63262

Total 55576126