

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:712  
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2003  
FOOD SUBSIDY  
GANTA SRINIVASA RAO

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

- (a) the total amount spent as Food Subsidy during the last three years, year-wise; and  
(b) the total amount spent on food subsidy for the poor during the last three years, year-wise, category-wise and state-wise?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD )

(a): The total amount of food subsidy released by the Government of India year-wise during the last three years is as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year    Amount

2000-2001 12010.00  
2001-2002 17494.00  
2002-2003 24176.45

(b): The subsidy to the poor is released under the BPL category of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and AAY scheme, details of which year-wise and category-wise are given in the annexure. Subsidy is not released State-wise for the foodgrains distributed from the Central Pool for various schemes.

**ANNEXURE**

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.712 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 12.12.2003 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(Rs. in crore)

CATEGORY	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003
BPL	4446.18	5086.41	6336.21
AAY	0.00	1130.66	2640.95
APL	0.00	457.90	923.90
Food for Work	113.97	1799.03	56.35
Mid-Day-Meal	374.13	1130.51	1221.14
Defence	10.76	23.12	27.04
Open Sale	120.55	616.10	1206.23
Export	1213.00	1368.37	5742.69
Arrears	1498.66	0.00	0.00
Others	0.00	0.00	48.84
Buffer Carrying Cost	4232.75	5881.90	5973.10
Total	12010.00	17494.00	24176.45