

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:997
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QUANTITY OF FOODGRAINS ISSUED TO SIKKIM
SURESH CHANDEL

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

- (a) the total number of people below poverty line (BPL) and above poverty line (APL) in Sikkim;
- (b) the total quantity of Rice, Wheat and Kerosene Oil issued to the State of Sikkim from the PDS on subsidy during each of the last three years along with the rates thereof, item-wise;
- (c) whether the CBI has filed chargesheet against some FCI officials posted in Sikkim and Siliguri for diverting these items in open market; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHANDER)

(a) As per the Planning Commission's estimates, 0.34 lakh families are below poverty line and 0.48 lakh families are above poverty line in Sikkim on the basis of 1995 population. An economic survey is presently being conducted by the Govt. of Sikkim to identify the exact number of APL and BPL families in the State.

(b) Total quantity of subsidized Rice, Wheat and Kerosene Oil issued to the State of Sikkim under the PDS during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, year-wise are as under:-

Year Allocation of
Rice Wheat Kerosene Oil
(in`000 tonnes) (in`000 tonnes) (in metric tonnes)

1997-98	77.380	5.680	7794
1998-99	87.720	10.680	7885
1999-2000	87.720	2.090	7895

The Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of foodgrains with effect from 25.7.2000 are as under:-

Rice - For APL - Grade `A` Rs.1130 per qtl.
For BPL Common/Grade `A` Rs.565 per qtl.

Wheat - For APL Rs.830 per qtl.
For BPL Rs.415 per qtl.

The ex-storage point price of PDS kerosene is Rs.4.50 per litre w.e.f the midnight of 22nd -23rd March, 2000.

(c) & (d) : Yes sir. CBI has registered case No. RC - 23(A)/98-Cal. against five officials of FCI posted in Sikkim and Siliguri. As reported by FCI, some private parties and State Government Officials were also involved.