

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3536
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005
ASSISTANCE TO STATES FOR STRENGTHENING PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides assistance to the States and Union Territories for strengthening the Public Distribution System (PDS) and construction of godowns;
- (b) if so, the details of the assistance provided during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the details of the storage capacity added during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of PDS among the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken to ensure regular and sufficient supply of foodgrains and other essential commodities to the BPL families through PDS particularly in rural and remote areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b) & (c): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Construction of Godowns', under which financial assistance was provided to State Governments/UT Administrations in the form of 50% subsidy and 50% loan for construction of small godowns has been discontinued from 1.4.2002. Apart from this the Food Corporation of India and the Central Warehousing Corporation also create capacity for storage of foodgrains etc. with assistance from Government of India. The storage capacity added during the last three years by them is annexed. The Government also provides assistance for Training, Research and Monitoring under the TPDS and Hill Transport Allowance for strengthening of TPDS to various States/UTs.

(d): As per the Planning Commission's poverty estimates of 1993-94, taken on the projected population base as on 1.3.2000, 6.52 crores families have been estimated to be living below poverty line.

The scale of issue under TPDS is 35 kg. per household per month. In order to cater to the poorest of the poor families amongst the BPL, the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) which covers 2.00 crore families is being further expanded by adding another 50 lakh households. The AAY families are provided foodgrains at a highly subsidized rate of Rs. 2.00 and Rs. 3.00 per kg. for wheat and rice.

(e): As far as supply of rice and wheat under TPDS and other Welfare Schemes is concerned, the Department of Food & Public Distribution has directed the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to maintain the stock level equivalent to two months offtake at all point of time on all locations.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3536 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 18.04.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA

S.No. State/UT
Storage Capacity added (FCI, CWC) (in MTs)

	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
	FCI	CWC	FCI CWC

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1 Andhra Pradesh	45,000	1,40,810	15,000 10,000 15,000 -
2 Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-
3 Assam	-	20,000	-
4 Bihar	-	-	5,000
5 Chattisgarh	-	-	13,340 -
6 Delhi	-	25,300	10,000
7 Goa	-	-	-
8 Gujarat	-	15,000 73,800	10,000 -

9	Haryana	- 31,100	16,670	- 10,000	-			
10	Himachal Pradesh	1,670	- -	1,670	- -			
11	J&K	7,500	- - -	- - -	- - -			
12	Jharkhand	- - -	- - -	- - -	- - -			
13	Karnataka	7,800	20,000	15,000	10,400	15,000	11,140	
14	Kerala	- 5,000	- 25,000	- -	- -			
15	Madhya Pradesh	- - -	10,000	- 6,000				
16	Maharashtra	- - -	6,680	38,400	11,920	47,100		
17	Manipur	- - - -	2,500	-				
18	Meghalaya	- - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -			
19	Mizoram	- - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -			
20	Nagaland	- - - -	2,500	-				
21	Orissa	- 29,300	15,000	- - -				
22	Punjab	5,000	17,200	23,340	- - -			
23	Rajasthan	20,000	25,000	- 12,589	- 17,300			
24	Sikkim	2,500	- - -	- - -				
25	Tamil Nadu	5,000	8,900	3,340	1,550	3,340	-	
26	Tripura	- - -	2,500	- - -				
27	Uttaranchal	- - - -	- - -	- - -	- - -			
28	Uttar Pradesh	- 61,480	20,000	12,000	13,340	5,000		
29	West Bengal	- 20,000	- 57,400	- 12,800				
30	A&N Islands	- - - -	- - -	2,700				
31	Chandigarh	- - - -	- - -	- - -				
32	D&N Haveli	- - - -	- - -	- - -				
33	Daman & Diu	- - - -	- - -	- - -				
34	Lakshdweep	- - - -	- - -	- - -				
35	Pondicherry	- - - -	- - -	- - -				