

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3602  
ANSWERED ON:18.04.2005  
RATION CARDS FOR APL FAMILIES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has decided to withdraw the facilities of ration cards and distribution of essential commodities through Public Distribution System to above Poverty Line (APL) families;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the quantum of food subsidy likely to be saved as a result thereof ?

**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): No, Sir.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.