

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1668  
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SPECIAL SCHEME FOR BPL FAMILIES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate any special scheme for providing foodgrains to the people living Below Poverty Line (BPL);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the schemes being run by the Government presently for the BPL families ?

**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): Yes, Sir. The Village Grain Bank Scheme is being revised to provide foodgrains to the people living below poverty line in food scarce areas of the country.

(b): It is proposed to establish Village Grain Banks in chronically food scarce areas e.g. drought prone areas, the tribal areas, hot and cold deserts and inaccessible hilly areas to safeguard against starvation during the period of natural calamity or during the lean season when the poor in village households do not have sufficient resources to purchase the ration. The scheme envisages inclusion of all willing Below Poverty Line and Antyodaya Anna Yojana families in the villages to become members of the grain banks. The grain banks are to be established by Gram Sabha/Panchayats, Self Help Groups or Non Government Organizations (NGOs) in villages notified by the State Governments as food scarce areas. During the current financial year a provision of Rs.20.20 crore has been made under the Plan Head and about 3471 grain banks are proposed to be established in the country. The estimated expenditure for one grain bank comprising an average of 40 members would be Rs.60,000.

(c): The details of other schemes being run by the Government for BPL families are at Annexure-I.

**ANNEXURE-I**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1668 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 5.12.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

**1. Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) :**

For 652.03 lakh BPL families, foodgrains @ 35 Kgs. per month per family at subsidised rates are being allocated to all the State Governments / UT Administrations by the Central Government for distribution through Fair Price Shops in the entire country.

**2. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY):**

Foodgrains at highly subsidised rate of Rs. 2.00 per Kg for wheat and Rs.3.00 per Kg. for rice are being allocated to States/UT Governments for 2.5 crore poorest of poor households under BPL category.

**3. Sampoorn Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY):**

SGRY - a wage employment programme open to all rural poor who are in need of wage employment and desire to do manual and unskilled work in and around their village / habitat is being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development in all States.

**4. Special Component of SGRY :**

Foodgrains are allocated for generating employment for the poor and affected people due to natural calamities like floods, drought etc. The Scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.

**5. National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP):**

The programme has been launched by Ministry of Rural Development in November, 2004 in 150 most backward districts of the country for providing additional resources for supplementing wage employment and creation of need based economic, social and

community assets in these districts. The programme is open to all rural poors.

6. Mid Day Meal Scheme (MDMS):

Foodgrains at BPL rates are being allocated for implementing Mid-Day-Meal Scheme by Department of Elementary Education & Literacy. Under the scheme cooked food is provided to school children upto primary level.

7. Annapurna Yojana :

Foodgrains at BPL rates are allocated to States / UT Governments for free distribution to indigent senior citizens of 65 years of age or above who though eligible for old age pension under National Old Age Pension Scheme but are not getting the pension, @ 10 Kgs. Per person per month.

8. National Programme for Adolescent Girls (NPAG):

Foodgrains at BPL rates are allocated to States/ UT Governments for distribution of free foodgrains to under-nourished adolescent girls and expectant and nursing mothers in 51 identified districts of the country. The programme is being implemented by Department of Women & Child Development.

9. Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP):

Foodgrains at BPL rates are being allocated to State Governments for distribution to children 0-6 years age group and lactating mothers. The Scheme is being implemented by Department of Women & Child Development.

10. Additional Allocation for Hostels / Welfare Institutions :

Allocation of additional foodgrains at BPL rates is being made to the State Governments for catering to the needs of SC, ST & OBC hostels / welfare institutions / NGOs. etc.

11. Emergency Feeding Programme (EFP):

Foodgrains at BPL rates are being allocated to State Government of Orissa for 2 lakh beneficiaries in 8 KBK Districts for distribution among old, infirm and destitute persons.

12. Swarnjayanti Gramin Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY):

This Centrally sponsored Scheme for poverty alleviation and rural development provides for self employment. The scheme is being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development.

13. Indira Awas Yojana (IAY) :

The Scheme being implemented by Ministry of Rural Development provides shelter to the shelter-less rural poor families. The Scheme is specially meant for BPL families living in rural areas of the country.

14. Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC):

Ministry of Rural Development is implementing the scheme for providing financial incentive to the BPL households.