

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2546  
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SCHEMES UNDER PDS  
Murmu Shri Rupchand

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

- (a) the details of various schemes under Public Distribution System (PDS) available at present for Below Poverty Line families in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government propose to introduce special schemes under PDS for the tribal areas; and
- (c) if so, the details 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) Under the Public Distribution System (PDS), foodgrains (rice & wheat) @ 35 kg. per family per month, kerosene and sugar are made available to BPL families at subsidized rates.
- (b) & (c) : No Sir. However under the Guidelines issued for the expanded Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), the State Governments have been asked to identify all the Primitive Tribal Groups as a priority group.