

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

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

- (a) whether the cases of death due to starvation have been reported from many States during the last one year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to check starvation deaths in the country particularly in chronically hunger prone areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): No starvation death has been reported by any State Government.

(c): For maintaining food security in the country the Government is allocating subsidized foodgrains for Below Poverty Line, Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Above Poverty Line families under Targeted Public Distribution System and implementing many food based welfare schemes viz., Mid day Meal, Wheat Based Nutrition Programme, Nutritional Programme for Adolescent Girls, National Food for Work Programme, Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana (SGRY), Special Component of SGRY, Annapurna Scheme, etc. Besides this Government has revised the Village Grain Bank Scheme and 3282 grain banks have been sanctioned for being established in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Tripura & Meghalaya during 2005-06. In May, 2006, proposal for establishment of 500 grain banks in Uttar Pradesh has been sanctioned. During 2005-06 and 2006-07 approximately 11,000 grain banks are likely to become operational throughout the country in chronically hunger prone areas.