

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1670
ANSWERED ON:07.08.2006
FOODGRAINS FOR WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government is allocating foodgrains to schemes administered by international organisations in the country such as the World Food Programme;
- (b) if so, the names of the agencies to whom the allocations were made during the last two years and current year alongwith the rates thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the extent to which the said schemes have benefited the Below Poverty Line families in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Foodgrains have been allocated to World Food Programme (WFP) for their project/programmes in India during the last two years and the current year. The allocations of wheat and rice have been made at the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) fixed for BPL families i.e. Rs. 415/- and Rs. 565/- per qtl. respectively.

The allocations made during the last two years and the current year are shown below:-

(Figures in tonnes)
Year Allocation
Wheat Rice

2004-05	70,000	10,000
2005-06	70,000	10,000
2006-07	70,000	10,000

A statement showing the State-wise break-up, as reported by WFP, of the quantities actually lifted/utilized by the WFP is annexed.

(c): As reported by the WFP, the foodgrains allocated are utilized by them for distribution to the poorest of the poor, mainly in tribal areas. WFP activities target those most vulnerable to food insecurity - women and children, as well as scheduled tribes and castes mostly in the eight states of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttaranchal, Uttar Pradesh, Orissa and Jharkhand.

WFP's primary activities are support to Integrated Child Development Schemes (ICDS) of the Government of India, Food-for-Education and Food-for-Work.

Under WFP's support to ICDS, the specific nutritional requirements of pregnant and lactating women, Local Anganwadi Centres and children were covered through the distribution of nutritious/fortified blended foods.

The Food-for-Education activity provided fortified biscuits to children from tribal districts, ensuring that girls were able to attend school; and its aid also complements Mid-day-Meal-Scheme by providing a nutritious mid-morning snack of fortified biscuits to primary schoolchildren in tribal schools.

The Food-for-Work activity focused on the creation of rural infrastructure and community assets, equally benefiting women and men that enable the hungry poor in tribal communities to create and preserve assets that enhance income-earning opportunities, boost agricultural production and improve their livelihood base.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1670 DUE FOR ANSWER ON

07.08.2006 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement showing State-wise break-up of the foodgrains lifted/utilized by WFP during the last two years and during the current year.

Figures in tonnes
State 2004-05 2005-06 2006-07#
Wheat Rice Wheat Rice Wheat Rice

Chattisgarh	4,846	300	6,289	500	653	340
Gujarat	1,205	300	1,788	100	248	6
Jharkhand	4,656	400	3,220	1,710		
Madhya Pradesh	18,715		8,587	909		
Orissa	6,656	4,938	19,107	3,354	1,329	2,950
Rajasthan	8,272	10,033	971			
Tamil Nadu	59					
Uttar Pradesh	2,200	650	640			
Uttaranchal	8,902	11,721	2,206			
Total	50,855	10,194	58,575	7,174	6,956	5,006

Upto July 2006.