

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1719
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PDS IN ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS
Bhakta Shri Manoranjan

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

- (a) whether the Government has strengthened the Public Distribution System in the poorest and most backward blocks of Andaman and Nicobar Islands;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has adopted any special schemes to provide foodgrains to the destitute and infirm in the said areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As reported by the Andaman & Nicobar Islands Administration, under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the foodgrains are issued through 465 Fair Price Shops spread over all the three Districts of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. There are 88518 Facility Identity Cards for the beneficiaries as under:

APL BPL AAY
71592 Nos 7660 Nos. 9266 Nos.

Rice, Wheat, Sugar and K.Oil is distributed per month through these cards as per following details:

Category Rice Wheat Sugar K.Oil

APL 7 Kg/adult, 1-3 Unit: 8 Kg/4 & 1 Kg per unit 1-3 units: 5 Ltrs./4 &
3.5 Kg/child above: 15 Kg above units: 10 Ltrs

BPL 27 Kg/card 8 Kg/card -do- -do-

AAY 31 Kg/card 4 Kg/card -do -do-

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Destitute and infirm are provided free ration under Annapurna Scheme. Every beneficiary is provided 10 kg free rice per month under this scheme. As on today there are 167 Nos. of beneficiary under this scheme.