

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

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

- (a) whether the Government is implementing any scheme for supply of foodgrains to hostels and Welfare Institutions engaged in the work of helping shelterless and homeless people;
- (b) if so, the details and guidelines thereof;
- (c) whether this scheme has been implemented in the State of Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the foodgrains allocated and supplied to the State of Maharashtra during the last three years, year-wise?

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) & (b): Yes, Sir. To assist in meeting foodgrain requirement of Hostels/Welfare Institutions viz. Non-Government Organisation/Charitable Institutions which help the shelterless/homeless poor and other categories not covered under Targeted Public Distribution System or any other Welfare Schemes, an additional allocation of foodgrains (rice & wheat) equal to 5% of the below poverty line (BPL) allocation of each State/Union Territory (UT) is being made to States/UTs at BPL rates, since 2002-03. Earlier allocation to the States/UTs was rationalized with effect from August, 2005, on the basis of offtake during the previous years.

(c),(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. This scheme is being implemented in the State of Maharashtra since 2002-03. The allocation/offtake of foodgrains under the scheme in Maharashtra during the last three years is as under:-

(in`000` tonns)

Year	Allocation	Offtake
2004-05	105.79	30.87
2005-06	62.52	15.26
2006-07	25.20	15.39