

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1672
ANSWERED ON:19.07.2004
PERSONS BELOW POVERTY LINE IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of persons living below the poverty line in Kerala State as on date;
- (b) the quality of foodgrains including wheat provided by the Union Government to Kerala at subsidised rates during the last three years, commodity-wise;
- (c) whether the foodgrains allotted to Kerala State are as per the requirements of the State; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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): The number of families living Below the Poverty Line in Kerala State as per the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission (1993-94) updated on the population projections of the Registrar General of India as on 1.3.2000 is 15.54 lakh.

(b): Good quality foodgrains conforming to Prevention of Food Adulteration (PFA) standards and free from insects infestation are issued to State Governments for distribution under Targetted Public Distribution System and other Welfare Schemes. The quantity of foodgrains provided by the Governments to Kerala at subsidized rates during the last three years is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) & (d): The PDS is supplemental in nature and does not envisage meeting the full requirements of foodgrains of particular individual or families. Under the TPDS allocation of foodgrains to all States including Kerala is being made as per the estimated number of families or the number of ration cards issued by the concerned State Government whichever is less. This criteria is being uniformly followed for all the States/UTs without any exception.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1672 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19th JULY, 2004 IN THE LOK SABHA

(Fig. In `000` tonnes)

Name of the Scheme Allocation made during the year

	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04			
	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
TPDS	1821.86	452.64	2013.65	447.90	1981.94	479.60
MDM	46.69	-	47.11	-	43.33	-
Annapurna	4.51	-	-	3.72	-	-
SGRY	41.52	-	100.00	10.00	68.59	21.10
FFW/Special						
Component of SGRY	5.00	-	52.00	-	61.00	-
NPAG	-	-	2.40	-	9.60	-
Welfare						
Institute/Hostels	1.61	-	27.62	-	27.60	-

TPDS : Targetted Public Distribution System
MDM : Mid-day-Meal

SGRY : Sampoorna Gramin Rojgar Yojana
FFW : Food for Work
NPAG : Nutritional Programme for Adolscent Girls