

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

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

- (a) whether several States including West Bengal have requested the Union Government to allocate foodgrains and other essential commodities at rates lower than the Below Poverty Line foodgrain prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Requests have been received from Maharashtra and West Bengal for distribution of foodgrains to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families at AAY Central Issue Price (CIPs) from additional allocation of 50 lakh tons of foodgrains made for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in May 2011.

(c): In addition to the 50 lakh tons of foodgrains allocated to States/Union Territories (UTs) for BPL families at BPL prices in May 2011, the Government, during July to October 2011, has made a further allocation of a total of 23.67 lakh tons of foodgrains to 174 poorest/backward districts in 27 States which include 7,59,650 tons of food grains for distribution to AAY families at AAY prices.