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Month	Requirement	Availability	Sales to State agency/ dealers /stockist
April-08	61170	42000	18510
May-08	57920	48130	30140
June-08	37920	44210	28340
July-08	76420	71510	55200
August-08	79670	68480	23800
September-08	86920	144920	132350
October-08	140000	134940	132210
November-08	250000	157350	156150
December-08	60000	56570	54700
January-09	50000	46920	25040
Cumulative Figures	900000	678320	656450

Urea

Month	Requirement	Availability	Sales to State agency/ dealers /stockist
April-08	1560001	580500	123280
May-08	522000	859940	305310
June-08	698000	936560	498790
July-08	724000	832850	523500
August-08	300000	687260	550590
September-08	100000	502270	340050
October-08	300000	578690	255370
November-08	600000	728220	483140
December-08	800000	819410	728290
January-09	700000	816950	730950
Cumulative Figures	4900000	4624670	4539280

Allocation of foodgrains to Uttarakhand

†*15. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that allocation of foodgrains under Public Distribution System to the State of Uttarakhand has been reduced during the last two years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the number of poor families in the State of Uttarakhand is less than national average and whether any scheme is under consideration with Government to allocate more foodgrains to such States under the Public Distribution System?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has not been any reduction in last two years in the allocations of food grains to Uttarakhand for BPL and AAY ration card holders under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). As per allocation norms, allocations of food grains under TPDS are made @ 35 kg per family per month for all accepted numbers of BPL and AAY families for all the States/UTs, including the State of Uttarakhand. This norm is based on 1993-94 poverty estimates of the Planning Commission and population estimates of Registrar General of India, as on 1.3.2000 or the number of families actually identified and ration cards issued by States/UTs, whichever is less.

Allocations of food grains for the Above Poverty Line (APL) families are made depending upon availability of food grains in the Central Pool. Because of shortage of food grains in the Central Pool during 2006-07 and 2007-08, it was decided from June 2006 and April 2007 to base allocations on offtake during the earlier three years. This was done to limit allocations within the stocks available in the Central Pool.

(c) As per 1993-94 poverty estimates of Planning Commission, 40.85% of population in Uttarakhand was living below poverty line. The national level of population below poverty line during 1993-94 was 36%. Since full allocations of food grains under TPDS are being made to the State as per allocation norms for all accepted numbers of BPL families, there is no proposal to further increase BPL/AAY allocations.

Herbal cure from malaria

*16. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a plant named Gonmostama found in the North Eastern part of the country has been found to be an effective cure against malaria;

(b) whether Government plans to conduct further research on the effectiveness of the plant for curing malaria; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, Defence Research Laboratory (DRL), Tezpur, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) under Ministry of Defence has identified two species of Gomphostema, which have the potential cure both types of Malaria *i.e.* Plasmodium vivax & Plasmodium falciparum. Both the plant species are abundantly available in the Foothills of Assam & Arunachal Pradesh border. DRL Tezpur carried out preliminary research with the crude extract of the subject plant *i.e.* Gomphostema and the in-vitro tests with the same was found to be effective against strains of