

More foodgrains to BPL and APL card-holders

3104. SHRI GOVINDRAO WAMANRAO ADIK:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is considering to enhance 10 more kg. of wheat or rice to every family holding BPL, APL and Antyodaya cards at Government purchase price or M.S.P. as part of measures to combat inflation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIR, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (c) The Government made a special *ad hoc* allocation of 5.31 lakh tons of rice and 12.73 lakh tons of wheat to States/UTs @ 10 kg. per family per month for all accepted families (AAY, BPL and APL) under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) for January and February, 2010. This allocation was made as a one time Special allocation over and above the normal TPDS allocations to the States/UTs. The validity period for lifting of the unlifted quantities of foodgrains out of the aforesaid allocation has been extended by two months upto 31st May, 2010 for rice and wheat except for wheat in wheat procuring States.

Buffer stock norms for foodgrains

3105. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the current buffer stock norms for foodgrains in the country;
- (b) whether Government proposes any reduction in the buffer stock norms to cut food subsidy;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the manner in which the food subsidy is proposed to be reduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIR, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The details of the current buffer stock norms fixed for foodgrains in the Central Pool for each quarter of the year are as under:—

	(in lakh tons)			
	1st January	1st April	1st July	1st October
Rice	138	142	118	72
Wheat	112	70	201	140
Total	250	212	319	212