

	2001		2002		2003		AAY
	Apr	BPL*	APL	BPL"	APL	BPL	
Karnataka	49.43	63.26	46.71	63.87	47.24	60.32	4.80
Kerala	43.05	20.40	43.61	20.29	43.16	17.44	2.72
Madhya Pradesh	134.18	43.65	82.28	56.71	82.27	45.73	6.31
Maharashtra	139.45	56.70	143.20	74.72	144.84	64.45	10.02
Manipur	1.13	0.67	1.89	1.30	1.89	1.03	0.25
Meghalaya	0.98	0.97	1.07	1.83	1.07	1.55	0.28
Mizoram	1.62	0.68	1.71	0.66	1.61	0.58	0.10
Nagaland	1.05	0.96	1.95	1.24	0.75	1.05	0.19
Orissa	39.85	41.23	30.61	48.41	30.61	43.35	5.05
Punjab	50.10	5.02	48.19	7.04	47.55	6.42	0.72
Rajasthan	81.36	22.87	96.47	22.80	98.65	19.07	3.73
Sikkim	0.66(APL+BPL)		0.89	0.37	0.89	0.30	0.07
Tamil Nadu**	95.50	65.51		168.30	161.14(APL+BPL)		7.16
Tripura	4.50	2.28	4.18	2.95	4.21	2.50	0.45
Uttar Pradesh	159.96	95.48	274.00	10679	274.00	90.42	16.37
Uttaranchal			16.99	4.98	16.99	4.22	0.76
West Bengal***	112.07	46.88	112.44	46.92	112.81	41.46	5.84
Andaman & Nicobar	0.74	0.12	0.71	0.15	0.71	0.11	0.04
Chandigarh	2.12	0.00	2.16	0.13	2.18	0.05	0.02
D & N Haveli	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.13	0.03
Daman & Diu	0.28	0.02	0.27	0.04	0.25	0.03	0.01
Lakshadweep	0.13	N.A.	0.13	0.01	0.13	0.01	0.00
Pondicherry	1.72	0.95	1.77	0.96	1.81	0.87	0.10
TOTAL:	1260.73	731.35	1251.34	929.71	1410.01	665.86	106.98

Note: \* Includes AAY ration cards

\*\* Separate figures of APL/BPL cards in Tamil Nadu are not available as there is no categorisation of APL/BPL in the States.

\*\*\* The State Govt, has issued individual ration cards. 5 individual ration cards have been taken as one family card to arrive at total number of ration cards in the State.

#### Distribution of quality foodgrains

102. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY. Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Food Corporation of India is all set to adopt a slew of new practices and procedures to distribute quality foodgrains in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the procedures to be followed by FCI to effectively supply foodgrains in the country;

(c) whether it is a fact that FCI is also thinking of borrowing resources from the market with a guarantee from Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) As per the procedure in vogue, stock of foodgrains are issued to State/UT Governments only after their satisfaction about quality through a Joint Sampling Method.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Food Corporation of India has sought approval for market borrowing of Rs. 5000 crores in stage. The FCI has also requested Government of India to provide guarantee for market borrowings.

#### **Fall in rice stocks**

103. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rice stocks are expected to fall to their lowest level in 12 years during the next six months in the country;

(b) if so, whether this is critically below the minimum norm necessary for the country's food security; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take to ensure that FCI godowns have enough grain to meet buffer stock norms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) No, Sir.