

DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS

The national objective of growth with social justice and progressive improvements in the living standards of the population make it imperative to ensure that foodgrain is made available at reasonable price.

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1.	The Government of India introduced a scheme called Targeted Public Distribution Scheme (TPDS) effective from June, 1997. The stocks are issued under this scheme in the following categories
1.a)	<p>Below Poverty Line (BPL): A fixed quantity of 35 Kg. foodgrains per family per month is issued to BPL families, determined by the various States on the recommendation of Planning Commission at BPL rate.</p> <p>Antyodaya Anna Yojna – Under this scheme, launched during 2000-2001, the poorest strata of population out of earlier identified BPL population is covered. Foodgrains are being provided at highly subsidized rates of Rs. 2/- per Kg. of Wheat and Rs. 3/- per Kg. of rice.</p>
1.b)	Above Poverty Line (APL): Families which are not covered under BPL are placed under this category. Stocks are issued at APL rates.

There are number of **other welfare schemes** of the Govt. of India as follows:

a)	Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) – Under the National Programme of Nutrition Support to Primary Education in Primary School scheme every child is entitled for @ 100 gms. Foodgrains (Wheat/Rice) per school day. The scheme is partly run by Govt./Aided Schools/Local Bodies to serve free cooked/processed hot meal free of cost under part finance by Ministry of HRD.
b)	Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP) – A scheme run by Department of Women and Child Development, Ministry of HRD for providing nutritious food to children below 6 years of age and expectant/lactating women. Foodgrains supplied by FCI at BPL rates.
C & d)	<p>SC/ST./OBC Hostels & Welfare Institutions & Hostels – This Scheme is for providing foodgrains to SC/ST/OBC Hostels. Hostels having students belonging to SC/ST/OBC categories are eligible to draw 15 Kgs. Foodgrains per resident per month.</p> <p>The Govt. of India decided to allot foodgrains (wheat/rice) allotted to the state Govt. for indigent people living in Welfare Institutions, such as, Begger Homes, Home for Nari Niketan etc. sponsored by the State Govts. at BPL rates. Since April, 2005 the Ministry of CAF&PD has enhanced quota of allotment under this scheme to 5% of the monthly allotment made under BPL & AAY.</p>
e)	Annapurna Scheme – Under this scheme Indigent Senior Citizens of 65 years of age or above who are eligible for National Old Age Pension under NOAPS, but not getting pension can get 10 Kgs. of foodgrains per month at BPL rate.
f)	Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojana – Under this scheme foodgrains are supplied to the States/UTs by FCI free of cost with financial support of Ministry of Rural Development.
g)	Special Component of Sampoorna Gramin Rozgar Yojna – Under this Scheme foodgrains are released free of cost to the State/UTs under financial support of Ministry of Rural Development.
h)	Adolescent Girls, Pregnant and Lactating Mothers (AGPLM): are identified by the

	States/UTs and under nourished women/girls are provided 6 Kg. of foodgrains (wheat/rice) per month at BPL rate under this scheme, partly supported by the Planning Commission
i)	World Food Programme (WFP) – FCI is working as ‘FOOD BANK’ for WFP projects in India as and when required by them.
j)	Emergency Feeding Programme :Under this Scheme rice is allocated @ 6 Kg. / beneficiary / month for KBK Districts (Bolangir, Kalahandi, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Naupada, Rayagada & Sonepur) at BPL rates.
k)	Village Grain Bank – This scheme provides grants for establishment of Village Grain Bank to prevent deaths of Scheduled Tribes specially children in remote and backward tribal villages facing or likely to face starvation and also to improve nutritional standards. The scheme provides funds for building storage facility, procurement of weights and measures and for the purchase of initial stock of one quintal of foodgrains of local variety for each family at BPL rates.
l)	National Food for Work Programme – This Scheme provides foodgrains in identified 150 most backward districts covering the beneficiaries of labourers engaged by the State Govt. in development work. Foodgrains is given as part of wages to the rural poor at the rate of 5 Kg. per manday and rest by cash. The scheme is monitored by Ministry of Rural Development.
m)	Supplies to Defence – Foodgrains are being supplied to Military and para-military forces, as per the indents and allotted by the MOCAF&PD received through Head Qrs. at the rate fixed by the MOCAF&PD time to time.

RATES:

Commodity	BPL rates /Kg	APL rates /Kg
Wheat	4.15	6.10
Rice	5.65	8.30