

Continuation of Monthly Above Poverty Line (APL) Allocation of Foodgrains at the Rate of 15-35 Kg per Family to States/UTs
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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved the continuation of the same scale of allocation to APL families during 2013-14 under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

As on 1st April, 2013, the total stocks of rice and wheat in the Central Pool is 596.75 lakh tonnes comprising 354.68 lakh tonnes of rice and 242.07 lakh tonnes of wheat. The procurement during the year is expected to be 401.3 lakh tonnes for rice and 441.21 lakh tonnes for wheat. Thus it is expected that there will be sufficient stock of foodgrains in the Central Pool.

The CCEA has accordingly approved additional allocation of 41.89 lakh tonnes of wheat and 19.84 lakh tonnes of rice at APL issue prices to States/Union Territories (UTs) for ensuring a minimum allocation of 15 kg per APL family per month in 22 States/UTs and 35 kg per family per month in 13 States/UTs. They are Manipur, Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Lakshdweep and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

The Government of India has been making allocation of foodgrains to the accepted number of APL families at the rate of 15 kg per family per month in 22 States/ UTs and at the rate of 35 kg per family per month in 13 States/UTs under TPDS since June, 2011.