

35. Enhancement of quota of rice under APL category

MP-A&NI /A&NI Admn According to MP, ANI, the A&N Administration has reduced scale of rations under APL category to 5 kg. of rice per adult per month since September 2008 due to short allocation of food grains Scale of distribution of rice for APL category is 8 kg per head per month in Pondicherry & Lakshadweep and 16 kg per head per month in Mizoram. Scale of distribution of rice, therefore, is around 20-22 kg per family whereas the allocation in accordance with Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution should be @ 35 kg per family per month.

According to ANI Admn. The present allocation of rice by the GoI is not sufficient, since the allocation is based on 2001 population figure of 81000 families. Presently there are at 108205 ration card holders under APL, BPL and AAY. The requirement of food grains on the scale of 35Kg (27Kg Rice & 8Kg Wheat/ family/month) is as below:

Category	No.of Cards	Requiren	Per Year)	
	1	Rice	Wheat	Total
APL	.91460	29633	8780	38413
BPL	11293	3659	1084	4743
AAY	5452	1767	523	2290
Total	108205	35059	10387	45446

Against the requirement of 45446 MT per year allocation is only 31372 MT per year. Due to short allocation of food grains, rations under APL category have been reduced from 7 Kg to 5 Kg of rice per adult per month and from 3.5 Kg per child to 2.5 Kg per child with effect from 01.09.2009.

Administration requested the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution on 20.01.2010 to enhance the quota of Rice from 23124 MT to 35059 MT and wheat from 8148 MT to 10387MT during 2010-11. Ministry has allocated 23424 MT Rice and 10596 MT wheat for 2010-11 as against our requirement of 35059 MT rice.

It was explained that the on ANI Administration was much than the foodgrains supplied and meeting may be held by the Secretary, Department of Food with the ANI Administration and the MP, ANI to resolve the issue of enhancement of quota of rice.