

Off-take of foodgrains from the central pool

5.57 Offtake of foodgrains from the central pool for the year 2005-06 was 42.2 million tonnes, and for the year 2006-07 upto October 2006 was 20.6 million tonnes, which was lower than 24.7 million tonnes recorded during the corresponding seven months of the previous year (Table 5.17). The offtake under TPDS, had gone up from 29.7 million tonnes to 31.4 million tonnes between 2004-05 and 2005-06; the off-take during the first seven months of the current year at 17.5 million tonnes was lower than the off-take during the corresponding period of the previous year.

5.58 The offtake under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) at 4.8 million tonnes and above the poverty line (APL) category at 5.0 million tonnes during April-October, 2006 were higher than 4.2 million tonnes and 4.7 million tonnes, respectively, recorded in the corresponding seven months of the previous year. However, the offtake of foodgrains under below the poverty line (BPL) category at 7.7 million tonnes during the first seven months of the current year was lower than the corresponding 9.3 million tonnes during the first seven months of the previous year. Open market sales during April to October, 2006 also witnessed a decline.

Table. 5.17 : Offtake of foodgrains (rice+wheat)

(Lakh tonnes)

Schemes	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2005-06*	2006-07*
TPDS of which	138.36	203.40	241.94	296.52	313.87	181.84	175.06
BPL	100.52	137.24	158.04	174.52	156.43	92.88	77.00
APL	21.06	30.78	42.24	67.29	83.02	47.27	50.44
AAY	16.78	35.39	41.65	54.71	74.42	41.69	47.61
Welfare schemes	71.84	113.80	135.00	106.09	97.48	62.96	30.81
Open market sale	55.98	56.61	13.30	2.47	10.71	2.44	0.10
Export	46.84	124.64	103.08	9.67	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	313.04	498.45	493.32	414.75	422.06	247.24	205.96
* April to October.							