

## **VILLAGE GRAIN BANKS SCHEME**

Village Grain Bank Scheme was earlier implemented by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in 11 States. However, since 24.11.2004, the scheme was being implemented by the Department Food & Public Distribution.

The main objective of the scheme presently being implemented was to provide safeguard against starvation during the period of natural calamity or during lean season when the marginalized food insecure households did not have sufficient resources to purchase rations. Such people in need of food grains will be able to borrow food grains from the Village Grain Bank. The grain banks are to be set up in food scarce areas like the drought prone areas, the hot and cold desert areas, tribal areas and the inaccessible hilly areas which remain cut off because of natural calamities like floods, etc. These villages are to be notified by the concerned State Government/Union Territory. The scheme envisages inclusion of all willing BPL/AAY families in the villages to be identified by the State Government in food deficit areas. The quantity to be lent and the period of repayment is to be decided by the Group themselves. Village Panchayat/Gram Sabha, Self Help Group for NGOs etc. identified by the State Government are eligible for running the Grain Banks.

**This scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. 01.01.2014**

| Financial Year | Budget Estimate (BE)                                       | Revised Estimate (RE) | Actual Expenditure (AE) |
|----------------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2012-13        | 8.00   | 1.00                  | 0.9914                  |
| 2013-14        | 2.00   | 00.00                 | 00.00                   |
| 2014-15        | <b>This scheme has been discontinued w.e.f. 01.01.2014</b> |                       |                         |
| 2015-16        |  |                       |                         |