

## Central issue price

5.62 Wheat and rice are issued by the Central Government at uniform central issue prices (CIPs) to States and Union Territories for distribution under TPDS (Table 5.22). The difference between the economic cost and issue price of foodgrains is reimbursed to the FCI by the Central Government in the form of subsidy. The periodic revision of issue prices of foodgrains in alignment with the increase in MSP and therefore economic cost, thus assumes importance. There has been no revision of issue prices of foodgrains since July 2002.

Year	Wheat	Per cent change	Rice	Per cent change
1995-96	402	0.0	537	0.0
1996-97	402	0.0	537	0.0
1997-98				
BPL	250	-	350	-
APL	450	-	700	-
1998-99				
BPL	250	0.0	350	0.0
APL	650	44.4	905	29.3
1999-00				
BPL	250	0.0	350	0.0
APL	682	4.9	905	0.0
2000-01				
BPL	415	66.00	565	61.40
APL	830	21.70	1130	24.90
2001-02				
BPL	415	0.00	565	0.00
APL	610	-26.50	830	-26.50
2002-03				
April				
BPL	415	0.00	565	0.00
APL	510	-16.40	730	-12.00
July				
BPL	415	0.00	565	0.00
APL	610	19.6	830	13.7