GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1853 TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH MARCH, 2020

ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS THROUGH PDS

1853. SHRI DEREK O'BRIEN:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total allocation of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System (PDS) in the last five years, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of total allocation of foodgrains to States and the total actually consumed by States in the last five years; and
- (c) the total allocation of foodgrains which were aggregated as leakage from the PDS in the last five years, along with the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a)to (c): Department of Food & Public Distribution makes allocation of foodgrains to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in terms of National Food Security Act(NFSA), 2013. Under the Act eligible households, which comprise of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and priority households, are entitled to receive foodgrains @ Rs 1/2/3 per kg for nutri-cereals/wheat/rice respectively. NFSA is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Govt. Central Govt is responsible for allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the FCI. The operational responsibilities for allocation of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them, distribution of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries rest with the concerned State/UT Govt.

The details of allocation and offtake of foodgrains during the last five years is as under:

(figures in thousand tons)

| Year | Allocation | Offtake |
|----------|------------|----------|
| 2014-15 | 52012.91 | 44955.22 |
| 2015-16 | 52340.43 | 49594.20 |
| 2016-17 | 54302.83 | 52166.63 |
| 2017-18 | 55286.07 | 54049.08 |
| 2018-19 | 55296.50 | 52400.39 |
| 2019-20* | 45691.72 | 44171.14 |

^{*-}upto the month of January, 2020
