

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2324
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH AUGUST, 2022

ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAIN TO PUNJAB

2324 DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

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

- (a) whether Government has made any efforts to expedite the allocation of adequate foodgrains, pulses, sugar and edible oils to Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the total quantum of these items supplied to Punjab during the last three years;
- (c) whether Government has provided adequate funds for the development of godowns and cold storages in Punjab; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the total amount of funds disbursed by Government for the purpose during the last four years, till date?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) & (b): All States/UTs, including Punjab, have been allocated foodgrains as per their entitlements under National Food Security Act (NFSA) / Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) /Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS)/ Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). The details of allocation and offtake of foodgrains to Punjab, during last three years as well as current year, are at Annexure-I.

Government of India has also made allocation of pulses under PMGKAY initially during April to June, 2020 which was later on extended upto end of November, 2020. Under this scheme, Govt of Punjab distributed 10,143.83 MT of Chana (whole) out of 10,796.67 MT from April to June, 2020 and also distributed 17,109.00 MT of Chana (whole) out of 17,970.86 MT from July to November, 2020 period. Further, pulses from the Price Stabilization Buffer and Price Support Scheme are made available to States/UTs for distribution under various welfare schemes including Public Distribution System (PDS) by them as per their requirement. The State Government may continue with or formulate food or nutrition based plans or schemes providing for benefits higher than the benefits provided under the NFSA with their own resources.

(c) & (d): There is no such scheme of the Government of India under which funds are provided for the development of godowns in Punjab. Further, 2 LMT Silo capacity has been created in Punjab in PPP mode in last 4 years. Beside, 1 LMT covered capacity has also been created by State Govt in PPP mode in Punjab in last 4 years.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 2324 FOR ANSWER ON 05.08.2022 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

Allocation and Offtake of foodgrain to Punjab during last three years and current year

(in thousand tons)

Year	Foodgrains	Allocation						Offtake					
		NFSA	PMGKAY	ANBP	Non-NFSA (Covid)	OWS	Total	NFSA	PMGKAY	ANBP	Non-NFSA (Covid)	OWS	Total
2019-20	Rice	0.000				24.100	24.100	0.000				20.878	20.878
	Wheat	870.120				26.530	896.650	616.006				22.269	638.275
	Total	870.120				50.630	920.750	616.006				43.147	659.153
2020-21	Rice	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	34.278	34.288	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	33.404	33.414
	Wheat	870.120	565.800	14.145	0.060	36.065	1486.190	466.193	480.227	14.145	0.060	35.254	995.879
	Total	870.120	565.800	14.145	0.070	70.343	1520.478	466.193	480.227	14.145	0.070	68.658	1029.293
2021-22	Rice	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	28.490	28.490	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	26.441	26.441
	Wheat	870.120	778.322	0.000	0.000	40.768	1689.210	879.690	765.085	0.000	0.000	31.345	1676.120
	Total	870.120	778.322	0.000	0.000	69.258	1717.700	879.690	765.085	0.000	0.000	57.786	1702.561
2022-23#	Rice	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	14.393	14.393	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	5.070	5.070
	Wheat	870.120	424.539	0.000	0.000	16.491	1311.150	22.892	22.448	0.000	0.000	4.737	50.077
	Total	870.120	424.539	0.000	0.000	30.884	1325.543	22.892	22.448	0.000	0.000	9.807	55.147

#Offtake upto June, 2022
