

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1996  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2023

**EXTENSION OF PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN YOJANA**

1996 # SHRI NARHARI AMIN:

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

- (a) whether Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) launched by Government during the COVID-19 period has been further extended;
- (b) if so, the time period for which the said scheme has been extended;
- (c) the total number of people benefited from this scheme in the country so far;
- (d) the total number of beneficiaries under PMGKY in Gujarat; and
- (e) the details of food items being provided to the beneficiaries under the scheme?

**A N S W E R**  
**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a)& (b): The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) had been launched with the specific purpose of ameliorating the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. The allocation of free foodgrains, under PMGKAY was in addition to normal allocation done under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Phase VII of PMGKAY was in operation upto 31.12.2022.

Keeping in view welfare of the Priority Household (PHH) and Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries and to relieve them from the burden to pay the Central Issue Price of the foodgrains as well as in order to maintain uniformity throughout the State, free foodgrains is being provided to these beneficiaries as per their entitlements under National Food Security Act (NFSA), for a period of one year from 1st January, 2023.

(c)&(d): Foodgrains under PMGKAY was provided for free of cost distribution to about 80 Crore beneficiaries all over the country, including about 3.44 Crore beneficiaries in Gujarat. The actual number of beneficiaries keeps on changing based on addition/deletion of ration cards due to various reasons, as reported by States/UTs from time to time.

(e): Under PMGKAY, foodgrains i.e. rice and wheat were provided to beneficiaries. Further, pulses during April-June, 2020 and whole chana during July – November, 2020 were also provided under PMGKAY.

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