

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.248
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023

DECREASE IN NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF FREE RATION

248 SMT. PRIYANKA CHATURVEDI:

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

- (a) whether the number of people availing free ration facility particularly in rural areas has reduced because of increase in their income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of people availing free ration during the last five years, State-wise; and
- (d) the details of the amount spent on the said scheme so far, year-wise and State-wise?

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

(a) & (b): As per the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) Control Order 2015, the review of ration cards/beneficiaries list, identification of ineligible/ duplicate ration cards and inclusion of eligible beneficiaries/households is the responsibility of concerned State/UT Government. States/UTs have been advised to undertake proper verification (including field verification) of each identified case to ensure that ration cards of genuine beneficiaries are not deleted/ suspended. Further, States/UTs regularly issue new ration cards to the eligible households/beneficiaries in place of cancelled ration cards under ceiling limit of the National Food Security Act (NFSA).

(c)&(d): State-wise list of NFSA beneficiaries is attached as **Annexure-I** and amount spent till date is attached as **Annexure-II** (State-wise and Phase-wise with years including all 7 phases).

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c)&(d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.248 FOR ANSWER ON 03.02.2023 IN THE RAJYA SABHA REG. DECREASE IN NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES OF FREE RATION

State-wise Number of Beneficiaries As on 31.01.2023		
S. N.	States/UTs	Total Persons (in Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.40
3	Assam	251.17
4	Bihar	871.16
5	Chhattisgarh	200.77
6	Delhi	72.78
7	Goa	5.32
8	Gujarat	344.15
9	Haryana	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	28.64
11	Jharkhand	264.12
12	Karnataka	401.93
13	Kerala	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	511.32
15	Maharashtra	700.17
16	Manipur	20.08
17	Meghalaya	21.46
18	Mizoram	6.68
19	Nagaland	14.05
20	Odisha	325.03
21	Punjab	141.51
22	Rajasthan	440.01
23	Sikkim	3.79
24	Tamil Nadu	364.69
25	Telangana	191.62
26	Tripura	24.32
27	Uttar Pradesh	1490.71
28	Uttarakhand	61.94
29	West Bengal	601.84
30	A&N	0.61
31	DNH&DD	2.73
32	Lakshadweep	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	2.76
34	Puducherry (DBT)	6.34
35	J&K	72.41
36	Ladakh	1.44
Total		8003.69

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Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY (Since April 2020 to December 2022)

State Names	Phase I (April 2020 to June 2020)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	912	902	3.4
Andhra Pradesh	4,02,345	3,92,041	1461.0
Arunachal Pradesh	12,318	12,225	45.6
Assam	3,77,295	3,71,361	1384.0
Bihar	12,96,744	11,50,367	4287.1
Chandigarh	4,127	3,785	10.2
Chhattisgarh	3,01,155	2,99,601	1116.5
Daman & Diu D&NN	4,284	4,123	15.4
Delhi	1,09,098	1,04,344	301.8
Goa	7,980	7,809	29.1
Gujarat	5,09,649	4,82,672	1446.4
Haryana	1,89,735	1,71,250	459.6
Himachal Pradesh	42,966	40,365	150.4
Jammu And Kashmir	1,08,615	1,08,074	402.8
Jharkhand	3,95,550	3,83,263	1428.3
Karnataka	6,02,895	5,89,205	2195.8
Kerala	2,32,200	2,19,443	817.8
Ladakh	2,157	2,150	8.0
Lakshadweep	330	330	1.2
Madhya Pradesh	8,19,630	6,84,160	2549.7
Maharashtra	10,50,255	9,52,629	3550.2
Manipur	36,852	36,708	136.8
Meghalaya	32,184	32,175	119.9
Mizoram	10,023	10,023	37.4
Nagaland	21,069	21,070	78.5
Odisha	4,85,394	4,41,251	1644.4
Puducherry	9,516	9,142	34.1
Punjab	2,12,175	1,97,439	529.9
Rajasthan	6,69,930	6,61,277	1774.8
Sikkim	5,682	5,676	21.2
Tamil Nadu	5,36,007	4,93,109	1837.7
Telangana	2,87,430	2,75,597	1027.1
Tripura	37,242	35,554	132.5
Uttar Pradesh	21,58,160	20,85,481	7772.1
Uttarakhand	92,937	91,347	340.4
West Bengal	9,02,757	8,84,872	3297.7
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	1,929.95
Total	1,19,67,599	1,12,60,823	42,378.8

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**Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY
(Since April 2020 to December 2022)**

State Names	Phase II (July 2020 to November 2020)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1,520	1,493	5.4
Andhra Pradesh	6,70,575	6,25,786	2324.4
Arunachal Pradesh	20,530	20,327	75.8
Assam	6,28,825	6,06,829	2261.5
Bihar	21,77,910	19,97,140	6609.7
Chandigarh	6,985	6,477	17.4
Chhattisgarh	5,01,925	4,88,650	1821.1
Daman & Diu D&NN	7,200	6,439	22.5
Delhi	1,81,835	1,68,426	487.2
Goa	13,300	12,776	47.6
Gujarat	9,56,340	7,94,041	2379.5
Haryana	3,16,225	2,79,661	750.6
Himachal Pradesh	71,610	68,011	211.1
Jammu And Kashmir	1,81,025	1,76,522	606.1
Jharkhand	6,59,250	5,53,723	1994.4
Karnataka	10,04,825	9,51,850	3547.3
Kerala	3,87,000	3,66,113	1291.7
Ladakh	3,595	3,258	11.1
Lakshadweep	550	534	2.0
Madhya Pradesh	13,66,050	11,81,882	3370.6
Maharashtra	17,50,425	15,46,098	4857.2
Manipur	61,675	54,039	201.4
Meghalaya	53,640	53,628	199.9
Mizoram	16,705	16,705	62.3
Nagaland	35,115	34,006	126.7
Odisha	8,08,990	7,65,329	2746.3
Puducherry	15,860	14,581	54.3
Punjab	3,53,625	3,34,143	896.8
Rajasthan	11,16,550	10,95,715	2940.7
Sikkim	9,470	9,276	34.6
Tamil Nadu	8,93,345	7,38,540	2718.5
Telangana	4,79,050	4,52,423	1686.1
Tripura	62,545	59,471	221.6
Uttar Pradesh	36,60,705	35,34,362	10667.4
Uttarakhand	1,54,850	1,46,495	454.3
West Bengal	15,04,595	14,54,852	4511.5
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	3,222.38
Total	2,01,34,220	1,86,19,603	63,438.6

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**Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY
(Since April 2020 to December 2022)**

State Names	Phase III (May 2021 to June 2021)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	609	571	2.1
Andhra Pradesh	2,68,224	2,55,687	940.7
Arunachal Pradesh	8,404	8,332	29.8
Assam	2,51,156	2,47,225	909.5
Bihar	8,71,164	8,18,301	2648.5
Chandigarh	2,794	2,466	6.3
Chhattisgarh	2,00,770	1,99,501	731.7
Daman & Diu D&NN	2,695	2,530	8.7
Delhi	72,780	72,630	202.9
Goa	5,322	5,351	19.1
Gujarat	3,41,714	3,27,197	950.2
Haryana	1,26,490	1,13,469	292.0
Himachal Pradesh	28,644	26,597	80.8
Jammu And Kashmir	72,410	62,481	210.4
Jharkhand	2,63,700	2,47,055	800.4
Karnataka	4,01,930	3,83,287	1390.8
Kerala	1,54,800	1,45,967	506.0
Ladakh	1,438	1,374	4.4
Lakshadweep	220	220	0.5
Madhya Pradesh	4,82,620	4,55,960	1173.2
Maharashtra	7,00,170	6,36,508	1943.2
Manipur	18,602	18,602	62.8
Meghalaya	21,456	21,455	74.4
Mizoram	6,682	6,683	22.5
Nagaland	14,046	13,500	49.7
Odisha	3,24,330	3,10,900	1099.1
Puducherry	6,304	6,119	22.3
Punjab	1,41,514	1,38,812	350.8
Rajasthan	4,40,012	4,20,133	1081.1
Sikkim	3,788	3,710	13.6
Tamil Nadu	3,64,694	3,14,057	1127.4
Telangana	1,91,622	1,84,870	680.1
Tripura	25,018	24,242	89.2
Uttar Pradesh	14,71,920	14,14,907	4266.6
Uttarakhand	61,940	58,693	183.0
West Bengal	6,01,838	5,87,047	1770.3
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	1269.6
Total	79,51,820	75,36,438	25013.7

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**Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY
(Since April 2020 to December 2022)**

State Names	Phase IV (July 2021 to November 2021)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1,520	1,420	4.9
Andhra Pradesh	6,70,555	6,05,234	2226.6
Arunachal Pradesh	21,010	20,652	67.0
Assam	6,27,915	5,94,622	2187.6
Bihar	21,77,910	20,67,339	6691.3
Chandigarh	6,985	6,346	19.1
Chhattisgarh	5,01,925	4,95,345	1801.7
Daman & Diu D&NN	6,738	6,409	22.0
Delhi	1,81,950	1,77,647	499.8
Goa	13,305	13,119	48.3
Gujarat	8,54,285	8,23,985	2393.3
Haryana	3,16,225	2,81,344	723.9
Himachal Pradesh	71,610	69,393	209.0
Jammu And Kashmir	1,81,025	1,49,107	503.8
Jharkhand	6,59,250	6,19,781	2007.8
Karnataka	10,04,825	9,49,228	3484.1
Kerala	3,87,000	3,55,531	1229.3
Ladakh	3,595	3,398	11.4
Lakshadweep	545	533	2.0
Madhya Pradesh	12,06,460	11,55,109	3290.1
Maharashtra	17,50,415	15,53,933	4756.5
Manipur	46,505	47,402	174.4
Meghalaya	53,640	53,814	175.5
Mizoram	16,705	16,600	60.6
Nagaland	35,115	23,592	86.8
Odisha	8,10,825	7,67,819	2713.1
Puducherry	15,805	14,690	54.0
Punjab	3,53,785	3,56,456	910.3
Rajasthan	11,00,030	10,07,557	2592.6
Sikkim	9,470	9,241	34.0
Tamil Nadu	9,11,735	7,89,440	2891.1
Telangana	4,79,055	4,54,961	1612.2
Tripura	62,070	60,481	222.5
Uttar Pradesh	36,79,800	35,20,779	9994.7
Uttarakhand	1,54,850	1,47,192	346.2
West Bengal	15,04,595	14,55,652	4389.5
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	3234.85
Total	1,98,79,033	1,86,75,151	61671.9

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**Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY
(Since April 2020 to December 2022)**

State Names	Phase V (December 2021- March 2022)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1,216	1,121	3.9
Andhra Pradesh	5,36,444	4,96,748	1786.9
Arunachal Pradesh	16,808	13,666	49.2
Assam	5,02,332	4,94,581	1779.1
Bihar	17,42,328	16,54,598	5225.6
Chandigarh	5,328	5,218	13.0
Chhattisgarh	4,01,540	3,89,541	1401.2
Daman & Diu D&NN	5,400	5,176	17.4
Delhi	1,45,560	1,45,560	397.4
Goa	10,644	10,541	37.9
Gujarat	6,83,428	6,60,304	1903.8
Haryana	2,52,980	2,27,437	568.5
Himachal Pradesh	57,288	55,420	163.8
Jammu And Kashmir	1,44,820	1,21,584	400.6
Jharkhand	5,27,400	4,94,078	1559.4
Karnataka	8,03,860	7,63,627	2746.9
Kerala	3,09,600	2,89,921	979.8
Ladakh	2,876	2,659	5.4
Lakshadweep	436	409	1.5
Madhya Pradesh	9,65,168	9,36,900	2594.6
Maharashtra	14,00,332	11,77,479	3513.5
Manipur	39,940	34,269	123.3
Meghalaya	42,912	42,844	132.6
Mizoram	13,364	12,846	46.2
Nagaland	28,092	28,092	101.1
Odisha	6,48,292	6,32,877	2188.5
Puducherry	12,484	10,960	33.8
Punjab	2,83,028	2,80,753	701.8
Rajasthan	8,80,024	8,22,554	2056.1
Sikkim	7,576	7,551	27.2
Tamil Nadu	7,29,388	6,11,272	2145.4
Telangana	3,83,244	3,58,571	1289.8
Tripura	49,656	48,122	173.1
Uttar Pradesh	29,43,840	28,15,519	8275.2
Uttarakhand	1,23,880	1,20,150	356.2
West Bengal	12,03,676	11,29,237	3318.5
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	2587.88
Total	1,59,05,184	1,49,02,185	48706.0

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**Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY
(Since April 2020 to December 2022)**

State Names	Phase VI (April 2022 to September 2022)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	1,824	1710.88	5.8
Andhra Pradesh	8,04,666	236853.1	852.0
Arunachal Pradesh	25,212	20645.58	74.3
Assam	7,53,498	686521	2469.5
Bihar	26,13,492	2474942.49	8721.0
Chandigarh	8,238	8055.42	20.1
Chhattisgarh	6,02,310	584564.29	2102.8
Daman & Diu D&NN	9,054	7953.91	26.7
Delhi	2,18,340	215770.619	676.0
Goa	15,966	13993.07	50.3
Gujarat	10,35,456	997881.6	3288.0
Haryana	3,79,470	355575.16	888.8
Himachal Pradesh	85,932	77280.83	228.0
Jammu And Kashmir	2,17,230	183838.09	606.1
Jharkhand	7,92,762	684585.25	2072.9
Karnataka	12,05,790	1150046.41	4136.3
Kerala	4,64,400	418699.44	1486.6
Ladakh	4,314	3839.07	10.7
Lakshadweep	654	593.085	2.1
Madhya Pradesh	14,47,752	1409858.48	4547.8
Maharashtra	21,00,498	1754358.431	5643.4
Manipur	59,910	46966.08	168.9
Meghalaya	64,368	64368	231.5
Mizoram	20,046	19537.41	70.3
Nagaland	42,138	42138	151.6
Odisha	9,72,438	906824.91	3158.1
Puducherry	18,708	18527.556	66.6
Punjab	4,24,542	420483.9036	1051.1
Rajasthan	13,20,036	1219857.106	2767.2
Sikkim	11,364	6607.7	23.8
Tamil Nadu	10,94,082	932027.17	3336.8
Telangana	5,74,866	536318.955	1929.2
Tripura	74,484	71673.83	257.8
Uttar Pradesh	44,62,320	4221261.824	14635.7
Uttarakhand	1,85,820	167028.718	547.5
West Bengal	18,05,514	1715552.14	5483.9
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	3,881.8
Total	2,39,17,494	21676739.51	75,671.2

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**Phase-wise Details of Allocation, Distribution & Subsidy Incurred under PM-GKAY
(Since April 2020 to December 2022)**

State Names	Phase VII (October 2022 to December 2022)		
	Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
	(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	912	830.03	2.8
Andhra Pradesh	4,02,333	167538.89	602.7
Arunachal Pradesh	12,606	9673.27	34.8
Assam	3,76,749	236628.71	851.2
Bihar	13,06,746	819488.39	2947.8
Chandigarh	4,143	2129.655	5.3
Chhattisgarh	3,01,155	262190.5	943.1
Daman & Diu D&NN	4,524	3930.51	13.2
Delhi	1,09,170	76554.771	258.5
Goa	7,983	6919.67	24.9
Gujarat	5,16,225	500120.79	1689.2
Haryana	1,89,735	185107.01	462.7
Himachal Pradesh	42,966	39651.94	117.9
Jammu And Kashmir	1,08,615	92855.81	306.1
Jharkhand	3,96,183	269353.26	894.9
Karnataka	6,02,895	574258.43	2065.7
Kerala	2,32,200	222318.69	799.7
Ladakh	2,157	1802.98	5.9
Lakshadweep	327	228.022	0.7
Madhya Pradesh	7,23,876	697649.25	2308.7
Maharashtra	10,50,249	705151.154	2337.7
Manipur	30,126	27347.49	98.4
Meghalaya	32,184	27991.27	100.7
Mizoram	10,023	9804.29	35.3
Nagaland	21,069	14477.1	52.1
Odisha	4,87,548	371994.4	1287.1
Puducherry	9,510	6338	22.8
Punjab	2,12,271	164017.439	410.0
Rajasthan	6,60,018	570513.8	1426.1
Sikkim	5,682	2531.62	9.1
Tamil Nadu	5,47,041	319111.96	1147.9
Telangana	2,87,433	271443.86	976.4
Tripura	36,477	35609.38	128.1
Uttar Pradesh	22,36,059	707355.676	2544.5
Uttarakhand	92,910	66098.96	223.3
West Bengal	9,02,757	875946.03	2910.8
Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (in Cr)	—	—	1,940.9
Total	1,19,62,857	83,44,963.007	29,987.0
