

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.250
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD FEBRUARY, 2023

FREE RATION SCHEME

250 # MS. SAROJ PANDEY:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries in the country who have been provided ration free of cost by Government since the Corona period till date, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) total financial expenditure that has been incurred by the Central Government till date for the said purpose; and
- (c) total financial expenditure estimated to be incurred under this scheme in future?

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

(a): All 80 Crore (approximately) Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) & Priority Household (PHH) beneficiaries are entitled for free-of-cost ration under PM-GKAY. State-wise list of beneficiaries is attached at **Annexure-I**.

(b)&(c): Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY), about 1118 LMT foodgrains with an earmarked financial outlay of approximately Rs. 3.91 Lakh Crore has been provisioned, out of which an amount of around Rs. 3.47 Lakh Crore (including transportation & dealer margin etc) has been incurred till date for the said purpose. The scheme has been implemented in 7 phases for the duration of 28 months since April 2020 to December 2022, (**Annexure-II**).

Central Government has decided that the foodgrains shall be provided free of cost to all eligible Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) & Priority Household (PHH) beneficiaries for the period 1st of January, 2023 to 31st of December, 2023. The Central Government will bear approximately an amount of Rs. 2 Lakh Crore as food subsidy.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.250 FOR ANSWER ON 03.02.2023 IN THE RAJYA SABHA REG. FREE RATION SCHEME

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

ANNEXURE-II

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b)&(c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.250 FOR ANSWER ON 03.02.2023 IN THE RAJYA SABHA REG. FREE RATION SCHEME

STATE WISE DETAILS OF ALLOCATION, DISTRIBUTION & SUBSIDY INCURRED

S.N.	State Names	Total		
		Allocated Qty	Distributed Qty	Subsidy Incurred
		(MTs)	(MTs)	(in Rs. Crore)
1	A&N Islands	8,513	8,048	28.30
2	Andhra Pradesh	37,55,142	27,79,888	10194.23
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,16,888	1,05,522	376.31
4	Assam	35,17,770	32,37,768	11842.38
5	Bihar	1,21,86,294	1,09,82,177	37131.15
6	Chandigarh	38,600	34,477	91.51
7	Chhattisgarh	28,10,780	27,19,393	9918.10
8	Daman & Diu D&NN	39,895	36,562	125.83
9	Delhi	10,18,733	9,60,933	2823.67
10	Goa	74,500	70,509	257.26
11	Gujarat	48,97,097	45,86,201	14050.34
12	Haryana	17,70,860	16,13,844	4146.16
13	Himachal Pradesh	4,01,016	3,76,718	1160.83
14	Jammu And Kashmir	10,13,740	8,94,461	3035.84
15	Jharkhand	36,94,095	32,51,839	10758.09
16	Karnataka	56,27,020	53,61,503	19566.90
17	Kerala	21,67,200	20,17,993	7110.86
18	Ladakh	20,132	18,481	56.95
19	Lakshadweep	3,062	2,848	9.96
20	Madhya Pradesh	70,11,556	65,21,519	19834.81
21	Maharashtra	98,02,344	83,26,156	26601.63
22	Manipur	2,93,610	2,65,333	965.99
23	Meghalaya	3,00,384	2,96,275	1034.43
24	Mizoram	93,548	92,199	334.48
25	Nagaland	1,96,644	1,76,876	646.42
26	Odisha	45,37,817	41,96,995	14836.67
27	Puducherry	88,187	80,358	288.04
28	Punjab	19,80,940	18,92,104	4850.68
29	Rajasthan	61,86,600	57,97,608	14638.52
30	Sikkim	53,032	44,593	163.40
31	Tamil Nadu	50,76,292	41,97,557	15204.85
32	Telangana	26,82,700	25,34,184	9200.98
33	Tripura	3,47,492	3,35,153	1224.84
34	Uttar Pradesh	2,06,12,804	1,82,99,665	58156.24
35	Uttarakhand	8,67,187	7,97,004	2450.83
36	West Bengal	84,25,732	81,03,158	25682.27
	Central Assistance, Dealer margin, etc. (Rs. in Cr)	--	--	18,067.39
	Total	11,17,18,206.2	10,10,15,902.9	3,46,867
