

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2787
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24TH MARCH, 2023

FOOD SUBSIDY TO MAHARASHTRA

2787 SHRI ANIL DESAI:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has provided food subsidy to various States for the supply and distribution of foodgrains and other essential commodities during the last five years;
- (b) the compelling reasons during the period of Covid and afterwards to initiate this noble scheme; and
- (c) the demand and supply of foodgrains to the State of Maharashtra under the scheme since 2019, year-wise?

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

(a): Yes, Sir. Government of India has been providing food subsidy for distribution of foodgrains (rice/wheat/ coarse-grains) in the States/ Union Territories for the schemes covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) including Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), to States and Food Corporation of India.

(b): In the wake of COVID-19 outbreak in the country in March 2020, the Department of Food and Public Distribution had started the distribution of 'additional' and 'free-of-cost' foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) to around 80 crore Priority Household (PHH) and Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries in the country under PMGKAY to ameliorate the food security hardships faced by the poor and needy due to unprecedented outbreak of the pandemic and lockdowns. Under PMGKAY, about 1,118 LMT foodgrains have been allocated with an earmarked total financial outlay of approximately Rs. 3.91 lakh crore upto 31.12.2022 from Phase-I to Phase-VII of the scheme.

(c): The details of allocation and offtake of food grains under NFSA and PMGKAY for state of Maharashtra since 2019-20 onward are enclosed at Annexure-I.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2787 FOR ANSWER ON 24.03.2023 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

**Details od allocation and offtake of food grains under NFSA and PMGKAY
in respect of Maharashtra State**

Year	NFSA (ALLOCATION)	NFSA (OFFTAKE)	PMGKAY ALLOCATION	PMGKAY OFFTAKE
2019-20	46.05192 LMT	40.29097 LMT	-	
2020-21	46.05192 LMT	39.88186 LMT	28.00680 LMT	24.53055 LMT
2021-22	46.05192 LMT	35.15638 LMT	38.50920 LMT	28.60724 LMT
2022-23	46.05192 LMT	*32.12628 LMT	31.50751 LMT	26.64472 LMT

* Up to February 2023.
