

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
STARRED QUESTION NO.245  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023**

**RESTARTING PMGKAY**

245 DR. SASMIT PATRA:

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

- (a) whether Government is considering restarting Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and will provide additional 5 kg rice apart from the 5 kg rice provided earlier under National Food Security Act (NFSA);
- (b) the reasons for renaming NFSA programme as new PMGKAY instead of restarting the earlier PMGKAY which was discontinued; and
- (c) by when would Government restart providing additional 5 kg rice under PMGKAY as it was done since 2020?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC  
DISTRIBUTION AND TEXTILES  
**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. \*245 FOR ANSWER ON 11.08.2023 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

(a) to (c): 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. A total quantity of approx. 1118 LMT foodgrains had been allocated under PMGKAY (Phase I-VII) for the period of 28 months with a planned financial outlay of about Rs. 1.13 lakh crores for FY 2020-21, Rs. 1.47 lakh crores for FY 2021-22 and Rs. 1.31 Lakh crores for FY 2022-23.

The National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) being implemented in all the States/UTs, on an all-India basis, aims to supplement the food requirements of upto 75% of the rural and upto 50% of the urban population. While Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, which constitute poorest of the poor are entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains, per family per month. Priority Households (PHH) are entitled to 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month at uniform subsidized prices specified in Schedule-I prices of the Act.

The Government has decided to distribute free of cost foodgrains to beneficiaries as per their entitlements for a period of one year from 1st January, 2023 under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) with the approximate expenditure of nearly Rs. 2 lakh crores annually.

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