

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1037
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH JULY 2023

PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANN YOJANA

1037 SHRI VIVEK K. TANKHA:

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

- (a) whether foodgrains provided to beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) are free for just one year i.e., 2023, or will it be free in the year 2024 too;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the expenditure on food subsidy incurred under NFSA and PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojna, for the years 2020 to 2022, year-wise?

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

(a) & (b): The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the Act, is providing food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), for a period of one year beginning from 1st January 2023.

(c): Foodgrains are made available by Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the States/UTs under the NFSA at prices specified in Schedule-I of the Act and under PMGKAY free of cost, for which food subsidy is released to FCI. Only in the case of States participating in the Decentralized Procurement (DCP), under which State Government take responsibility of procurement of foodgrains and its distribution to the eligible households, that food subsidy is released directly to State Governments. The details of food subsidy released to FCI and DCP States from 2020-21 to 2022-23 is as below:

(Rs. In Crore)

Financial Year	Subsidy released to FCI	Subsidy released to DCP States	Total Subsidy released
2020-21	4,62,789.00	78,337.77	5,41,126.77
2021-22	2,08,929.00	79,789.54	2,88,718.54
2022-23	2,00,219.20	72,282.50	2,72,501.70
