

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1842  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**ALLOTMENT OF ADDITIONAL QUANTITY OF GRAINS ON EVE OF ONAM**

1842 SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:

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

- (a) whether Government will allot additional quantity of rice and wheat to Kerala during Onam festival;
- (b) if so, at what rates will the grains be allocated;
- (c) the allotment of grains to Kerala over the last one year and the quantity intake by Kerala out of the total allotment; and
- (d) whether Jaya rice will be specially allotted during the festival season?

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

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(a) & (b): As per extant policy of Govt. of India, any additional allocation for festival can be made at MSP rate for wheat and MSP derived rate for rice only. The aforesaid additional allocation is made on the basis of proposals received from States/UTs in accordance with extant guidelines of GoI.

In so far as request of State Govt. of Kerala for Onam festival is concerned; conveying willingness to lift the said additional allocation at MSP/MSP derived rate and to furnish Utilization Certificates of the additional allocations already made by GoI during previous years; are the prior requirements to be completed by the State concerned.

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(c): During Financial Year 2022-23, total allocation and offtake of foodgrains to Kerala under various schemes of Government of India (NFSA/PMGKAY/OWS/Tide Over) was 22.28 LMT and 20.76 LMT respectively.

(d): Government of India allocates rice as 'raw and parboiled' having Common and grade A varieties on the basis of length width ratio. There is no specific variety to be issued other than these, by FCI.

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