

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.228  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023**

**DISTRIBUTION OF COARSE GRAINS UNDER PDS**

228 # SHRI ADITYA PRASAD:

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

- (a) whether coarse grains are being distributed in all States in the country including Jharkhand under the Public Distribution System of National Food Security Act if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (b) whether there is any such plan for distribution throughout the country in the near future; if so, the details thereof?

**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): Coarse grains are being allocated under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). From 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2023 the aforesaid allocation along with rice and wheat is being made at free of cost for one year under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). The allocation of approved quantity of coarse grains for distribution under PDS is made by this Department in lieu of equal quantity of wheat/rice(as requested by State) while ensuring that the overall quantity of rice, wheat and coarse grains has to be within the upper ceiling fixed in respect of each State/UT under NFSA. The details of coarse grains allocation made in three years is attached as **Annexure-I**. State Government of Jharkhand has conveyed that neither the coarse grains are procured by the State Government nor distributed at present in Jharkhand through Public Distribution System under NFSA, 2013.

Central Government encourages distribution of coarse grains, however, it's upto the concerned State/UT to allow distribution of coarse grains in their respective States/UTs.

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## ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.228 FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2023 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(In thousand tons)					
Year	State	Type of grain	Quantity		Total
2021-22	Karnataka	Ragi	556.101	558.864	560.845
	Uttar Pradesh	Maize	2.763		
	<b>OWS-WBNP</b>	<b>Bajra</b>	<b>1.981</b>	<b>1.981</b>	
2022-23	Karnataka	Ragi/Jowar	470.292	583.834	585.528
	Haryana	Bajra/Maize	67.500		
	Madhya Pradesh	Jowar	0.237		
	U.P.	Bajra	43.443		
	Kerala	Ragi	0.991		
	Tamil-Nadu	Ragi	1.371		
	<b>OWS-WBNP</b>	<b>Bajra</b>	<b>1.694</b>	<b>1.694</b>	
2023-24	Andhra Pradesh	<b>Ragi</b>	27.516	947.530	
	Gujarat	Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, maize	211.271		
	Karnataka	Ragi	700.000		
	Kerala	Ragi	0.517		
	Tamil-Nadu	Ragi	8.226		

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