

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.153
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2024

BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGKAY

153 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries benefited under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) across the country, State-wise;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries benefited through PMGKAY in the State of Punjab, district-wise;
- (c) the major initiatives taken by the Ministry to ensure better implementation and 100 per cent food distribution in the State of Punjab;
- (d) the list of food grains which are being distributed under the scheme, State-wise; and
- (e) whether Government is planning to add millets as well in the PMGKAY food grains?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND
MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 153 FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2024 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(a): At present, against the total intended coverage of 81.35 crore, 80.54 crore beneficiaries are getting the benefits under PMGKAY. State wise coverage may be seen at **Annexure I.**

(b): The total number of beneficiaries benefitted under the PMGKAY in the State of Punjab during the quarter of April to June 2024 cycle is 1,43,34,202. District-wise details are attached at **Annexure-II.**

(c): State Government of Punjab has reported that 100% distribution is being done through e-PoS devices and biometric authentication of any one member of family is mandatory to avail ration. One dedicated e-PoS device has been deployed at each FPS as of now. Fresh wheat procured under DCP every year is distributed to the beneficiaries under PMGKAY. A Toll free helpline and Grievance redressal mechanism are in place to address grievances of the beneficiaries. Regular inspections of Fair Price Shop are carried out by officials/ officers from time to time.

Under the technology driven Public Distribution System (PDS) reforms, ration cards/beneficiaries database have been completely digitized in all States/UTs, 99.8% Ration Cards are seeded with Aadhaar number at national level. The transparency portal and online grievance redressal facility/ Toll-free number have been implemented in all States/UTs. Also online allocation has been implemented in all States/UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh and Puducherry, which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer scheme) and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/UTs. Due to installation of ePoS devices at the FPSs, at present, around 98% of transactions in the country are being done through biometric authentication on the monthly basis, bringing transparency and efficiency in the system.

(d): As per National Food Security Act, 2013, the term "foodgrains" is defined as rice, wheat or coarse grains or any combination thereof conforming to such quality norms as may be determined, by order, by the Central Government from time to time. A Statement showing foodgrains distribution for FY 2023-24 is at **Annexure-III.**

(e): In order to improve the level of nutrition, an advisory has also been issued to all the States/UTs to procure millets and distribute them to beneficiaries as per local consumption preferences as per guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.153 FOR ANSWER ON 06.08.2024 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Statement indicating State-Wise number of persons covered under PMGKAY:

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Present coverage (In lakh)		
		AAY	PHH	Total persons
		No. of person	No. of persons	
1	Andhra Pradesh	23.52	244.70	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	1.50	6.90	8.40
3	Assam	28.08	223.08	251.17
4	Bihar	125.05	746.11	871.16
5	Chhattisgarh	20.42	180.35	200.77
6	Delhi	2.78	70.00	72.78
7	Goa	0.46	4.86	5.32
8	Gujarat	35.53	316.07	351.60
9	Haryana	11.35	115.14	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	7.67	20.98	28.64
11	Jharkhand	34.76	229.43	264.19
12	Karnataka	43.91	358.02	401.93
13	Kerala	25.59	129.21	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	54.93	479.86	534.79
15	Maharashtra	108.01	592.16	700.17
16	Manipur	1.82	18.26	20.08
17	Meghalaya	2.91	18.54	21.46
18	Mizoram	0.64	6.19	6.83
19	Nagaland	2.11	11.94	14.05
20	Odisha	37.52	288.46	325.98
21	Punjab	7.64	133.80	141.45
22	Rajasthan	22.29	417.72	440.01
23	Sikkim	0.57	3.24	3.81
24	Tamil Nadu	65.78	298.34	364.12
25	Telangana	15.28	176.33	191.62
26	Tripura	4.62	19.81	24.43
27	Uttar Pradesh	132.57	1377.26	1509.82
28	Uttarakhand	7.92	54.02	61.94
29	West Bengal	54.99	546.85	601.84
30	A&N	0.14	0.46	0.61
31	DNH&DD	0.24	2.45	2.69
32	Lakshadweep	0.04	0.18	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.01	2.98	2.99
34	Puduchery (DBT)	0.82	5.52	6.34
35	J&K	10.61	61.80	72.41
36	Ladakh	0.29	1.15	1.44
	Total	892.37	7162.20	8054.56

Annexure-II

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.153
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District Wise Beneficiaries Benefited (Apr - June 2024)

S. No.	District name	Beneficiary Count
1	AMRITSAR	13,03,917
2	BARNALA	2,55,146
3	BATHINDA	7,51,046
4	FARIDKOT	3,35,462
5	FATEHGARH SAHIB	3,21,414
6	FAZILKA	6,37,582
7	FIROZEPUR	5,95,291
8	GURDASPUR	9,57,383
9	HOSHIARPUR	7,62,819
10	JALANDHAR	9,70,023
11	KAPURTHALA	3,96,525
12	LUDHIANA	16,27,982
13	MALERKOTLA	2,19,123
14	MANSA	4,00,145
15	MOGA	4,94,660
16	PATHANKOT	3,73,669
17	PATIALA	9,06,814
18	RUPNAGAR	3,67,021
19	SAS NAGAR	4,16,314
20	SANGRUR	6,65,888
21	SBS NAGAR	3,13,385
22	SRI MUKTSAR SAHIB	5,57,862
23	TARN TARAN	7,04,731
Grand Total		1,43,34,202

Annexure-III

REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.153
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Foodgrains Distribution for FY 2023-24 (Quantity in MT)

S. No.	State Name	Wheat	Rice	Coarse grains	Total
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	538.9	3,722.00	-	4,260.90
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	2,726.90	17,16,425.10	23,253.90	17,42,405.90
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	50,955.40	-	50,955.40
4	ASSAM	-	12,77,147.00	-	12,77,147.00
5	BIHAR	10,39,981.10	41,65,832.70	-	52,05,813.80
6	CHHATTISGARH	-	13,39,517.80	-	13,39,517.80
7	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	1,510.00	14,601.60	-	16,111.60
8	DELHI	2,95,418.60	1,95,403.10	-	4,90,821.70
9	GOA	0.1	29,449.60	-	29,449.70
10	GUJARAT	9,18,301.10	11,06,903.70	1,25,303.50	21,50,508.30
11	HARYANA	6,41,937.00	-	1,97,566.50	8,39,503.60
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1,07,396.50	90,639.30	-	1,98,035.80
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1,14,560.30	3,06,498.60	-	4,21,058.80
14	JHARKHAND	3,16,800.20	13,11,660.50	-	16,28,460.70
15	KARNATAKA	-	20,50,844.00	4,47,845.40	24,98,689.40
16	KERALA	1,69,125.10	8,14,331.70	502.2	9,83,959.00
17	LADAKH	4,323.70	3,488.70	-	7,812.40
18	LAKSHADWEEP	-	930.2	-	930.2
19	MADHYA PRADESH	12,96,763.30	19,50,541.00	-	32,47,304.20
20	MAHARASHTRA	14,57,584.10	26,15,600.80	16,680.30	40,89,865.20
21	MANIPUR	-	7,703.40	-	7,703.40
22	MEGHALAYA	-	1,29,232.60	-	1,29,232.60
23	MIZORAM	-	46,434.30	-	46,434.30
24	NAGALAND	-	72,928.50	-	72,928.50
25	ODISHA	1,504.00	22,27,142.70	-	22,28,646.70
26	PUNJAB	8,50,772.50	-	-	8,50,772.50
27	RAJASTHAN	26,11,771.50	-	-	26,11,771.50
28	SIKKIM	-	17,931.90	-	17,931.90
29	TAMIL NADU	53,739.30	22,77,225.90	5,684.50	23,36,649.60
30	TELANGANA	-	12,15,701.50	-	12,15,701.50
31	TRIPURA	-	1,60,591.70	-	1,60,591.70
32	UTTAR PRADESH	36,51,294.10	55,74,151.10	2,24,823.50	94,50,268.60
33	UTTARAKHAND	1,30,921.80	2,09,784.30	-	3,40,706.10
34	WEST BENGAL	15,41,269.40	23,12,377.40	-	38,53,646.80
National Summary		1,52,08,239.30	3,32,95,698.10	10,41,659.70	4,95,45,597.20
