

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.256
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025

BENEFICIARIES UNDER NFSS

256 SHRI NIRANJAN BISHI:

Will the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution be pleased to state:

- (a) the latest data on the number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Scheme (NFSS) in the country, State -wise;
- (b) the details of amount allocated under the NFSS in the country during the last three years, State-wise, including the amount disbursed for the procurement and distribution of food grains and other essential commodities; and
- (c) whether Government has fixed any specific targets under the NFSS, if so, the present status of these targets, including any challenges faced and the progress made?

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

(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. 256 FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

(a): A statement indicating State/UT-wise coverage of beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act, 2013 is at **Annexure-I**.

(b): Foodgrains are made available by Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the States/UTs free of cost under the NFSA, 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. Ministry of Finance allocates scheme-wise fund as a whole. There is no State-wise fund allocation for Food Subsidy

The details of food subsidy allocated to and released by Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) may be seen at **Annexure-II** and state-wise funds released to DCP States by DFPD during the last three years are attached at **Annexure-III**.

Central Government also provides assistance to States/UTs under the scheme “Assistance to State Agencies for intra-State movement of foodgrains and FPS dealers’ margin under NFSA” A Statement indicating the fund released to States/UTs under this scheme during the last three years is at **Annexure-IV**.

Under the Act, free of cost foodgrains are distributed to beneficiaries. 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. No other commodity is distributed under the Act.

(c): The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural and upto 50% of the urban population, which at Census 2011 comes out to 81.35 crore persons. At present, against intended coverage of 81.35 crore, 80.56 crore beneficiaries are identified by the States/UTs under the Act. The identification of beneficiaries by States/Union Territories (UTs) is a continuous process, which involves exclusion of ineligible/ fake/ duplicate ration cards and also exclusion on account of death, migration etc. and inclusion on account of birth as also that of genuine left-out households.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) of STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

| Sl. No. | States/ UTs | Ceiling under NFSA (in lakh) | Ceiling of AAY HH (in lakh) | Present coverage (In lakh) | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| | | | | AAY | | Priority | Total persons | % of accepted persons |
| | | | | No. of families | No. of person | No. of persons | | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 268.23 | 9.09 | 9.08 | 23.52 | 244.70 | 268.22 | 100.00% |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 8.71 | 0.38 | 0.38 | 1.50 | 6.90 | 8.40 | 96.53% |
| 3 | Assam | 251.90 | 7.04 | 6.73 | 21.70 | 226.29 | 247.98 | 98.45% |
| 4 | Bihar | 871.16 | 25.01 | 25.01 | 125.05 | 746.11 | 871.16 | 100.00% |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 200.77 | 7.19 | 7.19 | 20.42 | 180.35 | 200.77 | 100.00% |
| 6 | Delhi | 72.78 | 1.57 | 0.69 | 2.78 | 70.00 | 72.78 | 100.00% |
| 7 | Goa | 5.32 | 0.18 | 0.12 | 0.46 | 4.86 | 5.32 | 100.00% |
| 8 | Gujarat | 382.85 | 8.13 | 7.77 | 36.10 | 329.74 | 365.84 | 95.56% |
| 9 | Haryana | 126.49 | 3.03 | 2.68 | 11.35 | 115.14 | 126.49 | 100.00% |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 36.82 | 1.97 | 1.65 | 6.82 | 23.07 | 29.88 | 81.17% |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 264.25 | 9.18 | 8.94 | 34.76 | 229.43 | 264.19 | 99.98% |
| 12 | Karnataka | 401.93 | 12.00 | 10.97 | 43.91 | 358.02 | 401.93 | 100.00% |
| 13 | Kerala | 154.80 | 5.96 | 5.96 | 25.59 | 129.21 | 154.80 | 100.00% |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 546.42 | 15.82 | 14.63 | 54.93 | 479.86 | 534.79 | 97.87% |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 700.17 | 25.05 | 25.05 | 108.01 | 592.16 | 700.17 | 100.00% |
| 16 | Manipur | 25.06 | 0.64 | 0.64 | 1.91 | 18.97 | 20.87 | 83.30% |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 21.46 | 0.70 | 0.70 | 2.91 | 18.54 | 21.46 | 100.00% |
| 18 | Mizoram | 7.06 | 0.26 | 0.26 | 0.64 | 6.41 | 7.05 | 99.83% |
| 19 | Nagaland | 14.79 | 0.48 | 0.48 | 2.11 | 11.94 | 14.05 | 94.99% |
| 20 | Odisha | 326.21 | 12.65 | 12.53 | 37.57 | 287.60 | 325.17 | 99.68% |
| 21 | Punjab | 141.45 | 1.79 | 1.79 | 7.64 | 133.80 | 141.45 | 100.00% |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 446.62 | 9.32 | 6.29 | 22.29 | 417.72 | 440.01 | 98.52% |
| 23 | Sikkim | 4.07 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.57 | 3.24 | 3.81 | 93.78% |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 364.69 | 18.65 | 18.64 | 65.78 | 298.34 | 364.12 | 99.84% |
| 25 | Telangana | 191.70 | 6.49 | 5.67 | 15.95 | 175.74 | 191.70 | 100.00% |
| 26 | Tripura | 25.02 | 1.13 | 1.09 | 4.62 | 19.81 | 24.43 | 97.65% |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 1520.59 | 40.95 | 40.90 | 132.91 | 1365.79 | 1498.70 | 98.56% |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 61.94 | 1.91 | 1.84 | 7.92 | 54.02 | 61.94 | 100.00% |
| 29 | West Bengal | 601.84 | 19.86 | 16.42 | 54.99 | 546.85 | 601.84 | 100.00% |
| 30 | A&N | 0.63 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.14 | 0.46 | 0.61 | 96.21% |
| 31 | DNH&DD | 3.56 | 0.08 | 0.05 | 0.24 | 2.45 | 2.69 | 75.60% |
| 32 | Lakshadweep | 0.22 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.18 | 0.22 | 99.72% |
| 33 | Chandigarh (DBT) | 4.96 | 0.09 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 2.98 | 2.99 | 60.29% |
| 34 | Puducherry (DBT) | 6.34 | 0.32 | 0.25 | 0.82 | 5.52 | 6.34 | 99.92% |
| 35 | J&K | 72.69 | 2.76 | 2.33 | 10.61 | 61.80 | 72.41 | 99.61% |
| 36 | Ladakh | 1.44 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.29 | 1.15 | 1.44 | 99.99% |
| Total | | 8134.91 | 250.00 | 237.00 | 886.85 | 7169.17 | 8056.02 | 99.03% |

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Details of funds allocated and released by DFPD under Food Subsidy to FCI & DCP States under NFSA/PMGKAY during 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 are as under:

(Rupees in Crore)

| Year | Funds Allocated | Funds released to FCI | Funds released to DCP States |
|-------------|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 2021-22 | 288718.54 | 208929.00 | 79789.54 |
| 2022-23 | 272501.70 | 200219.20 | 72282.49 |
| 2023-24 | 211393.85 | 139661.03 | 71732.82 |

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Statement indicating the amount of Food Subsidy re-imbursed to DCP States during the last three financial years

(rupees in crore)

| S.No. | Name of the State | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|--------------|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 9323.38 | 6635.97 | 6268.19 |
| 2 | Bihar | 7671.9 | 10966.1 | 6557.64 |
| 3 | Chhattisgarh | 9047.77 | 7574.81 | 5236.13 |
| 4 | Gujarat | 749.43 | 311.54 | 267.83 |
| 5 | Himachal Pradesh | - | - | 47.38 |
| 6 | Jharkhand | - | - | 42.77 |
| 7 | Karnataka | 1682.12 | 2191.75 | 1222.13 |
| 8 | Kerala | 1777.86 | 1544.89 | 1151.85 |
| 9 | Madhya Pradesh | 14420.62 | 9471.5 | 16939.27 |
| 10 | Maharashtra | 4082.07 | 2725.75 | 3923.29 |
| 11 | Odisha | 7892.69 | 7600.05 | 14473.68 |
| 12 | Punjab | 2047.53 | 1202.49 | 2064.56 |
| 13 | Tamil Nadu | 6250.93 | 8685.95 | 7072.53 |
| 14 | Telangana | 7665.02 | 5242.76 | 5367.07 |
| 15 | Tripura | 15.58 | 148.67 | 106.51 |
| 16 | Uttarakhand | 1554.43 | 1212.25 | 724.39 |
| 17 | West Bengal | 5421.34 | 6580.11 | - |
| 18 | DBT | 186.87 | 187.9 | 267.6 |
| | Total | 79789.54 | 72282.49 | 71732.82 |

ANNEXURE - IV

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 256 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Funds released to States/UTs under the scheme “Assistance to State Agencies for intra-State movement of foodgrains and FPS dealers’ margin under NFSA” during the last three years financial year.

(In crore)

| S. No. | States/UTs | Fund released | | |
|--------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 122.37 | 91.73 | 105.44 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.00 | 44.19 | 8.39 |
| 3 | Assam | 545.75 | 826.91 | 321.75 |
| 4 | Bihar | 743.27 | 881.05 | 434.73 |
| 5 | Chhattisgarh | 72.48 | 181.88 | 355.06 |
| 6 | Delhi | 26.27 | 48.88 | 0.00 |
| 7 | Goa | 2.66 | 4.69 | 5.67 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 309.46 | 260.20 | 124.37 |
| 9 | Haryana | 178.23 | 43.26 | 45.78 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 17.69 | 188.03 | 29.58 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 282.50 | 187.02 | 99.64 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 764.16 | 354.89 | 148.70 |
| 13 | Kerala | 121.00 | 110.03 | 403.63 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 129.13 | 844.50 | 234.66 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 289.72 | 621.69 | 703.54 |
| 16 | Manipur | 81.19 | 31.54 | 36.46 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 38.78 | 79.78 | 20.59 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 7.71 | 12.57 | 0.00 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 8.15 | 61.06 | 31.42 |
| 20 | Odisha | 294.18 | 110.86 | 872.57 |
| 21 | Punjab | 51.08 | 0.00 | 50.06 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 585.84 | 406.77 | 479.15 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 7.59 | 12.33 | 3.85 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 131.65 | 543.01 | 145.90 |
| 25 | Telangana | 69.18 | 147.95 | 378.50 |
| 26 | Tripura | 64.53 | 49.15 | 23.92 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 195.77 | 1325.40 | 3213.86 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 67.19 | 379.83 | 58.71 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 741.32 | 535.06 | 226.32 |
| 30 | A & N | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 31 | Chandigarh | 0.37 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 32 | DNH & DD | 1.01 | 1.55 | 0.87 |
| 33 | Lakshadweep | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 34 | Puducherry | 2.25 | 2.13 | 0.00 |
| 35 | J&K | 47.51 | 184.08 | 139.96 |
| 36 | Ladakh | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.38 |
| | Total | 6000.00 | 8572.03 | 8704.46 |
