

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2025

BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGKAY

1321 # **SHRI NEERAJ DANGI:**

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries targeted to be covered under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) extended for a period of five years by Government;
- (b) the details of the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this; and
- (c) whether Government has any proposal to increase the amount of ration provided every month, along with extending the period of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(**SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA**)

(a) & (b): Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), upto 75% of rural population and upto 50% of urban population which at Census 2011 comes to 81.35 crores persons, is targeted to be covered for receiving free of cost foodgrains.

The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the PMGKAY, decided to provide food grains free of cost to beneficiaries i.e. AAY households and PHH beneficiaries, for a period of one year beginning from 1st January 2023 under the PMGKAY. The period for distribution of free of cost foodgrains has been extended for further five years i.e. from January, 2024, with an estimated financial outlay of Rs. 11.80 lakh crore totally to be borne by Central Government.

(c): At present, no proposal for enhancement of the entitlement of beneficiaries under the PMGKAY is under consideration of the Government.
