

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2532
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21/03/2025

ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS UNDER ANNA PURNA
SCHEME

2532 SHRI C. VE. SHANMUGAM:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Centre allocates foodgrains to different States under Annapurna Scheme;
- (b) the details of foodgrains allocated to Tamil Nadu and other States during last five years, year-wise, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that this scheme could not be availed by beneficiaries of old age pension;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government would relax the condition to enable old age pensioners to avail benefits of this scheme; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI KAMLESH PASWAN)

(a): Annapurna Scheme, a demand driven scheme, is aimed at providing food security to meet the requirement of those senior citizens who, though eligible, have remained uncovered under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS) under National Social Assistance Program (NSAP). Under the Scheme, 10 kgs of food grains per month is provided free of cost to the beneficiary.

(b): State-wise & Year-wise details of allocation of foodgrains against the requirement of foodgrains under Annapurna received from the States/UTs is given in **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): Annapurna Scheme is a demand based sub-scheme of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP). With the implementation of National Food Security Act, 2013, the lifting of food grains under the Annapurna scheme has shown a declining trend since 2016-17 and has been "Nil" since FY 2021-22 in respect of States including Tamil Nadu. Moreover, most of the States also implement similar old age pension schemes which may cover the eligible old age persons beyond the state ceiling under IGNOAPS.

(e): Presently, no such proposal is under consideration.

(f): Does not arise.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (B) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2532 TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025 REGARDING ALLOCATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS UNDER ANNAPURNA SCHEME

State-wise/Year-wise details of allocation of foodgrains against the compiled requirement under Annapurna received from the States/UTs

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Allocation of foodgrains for FY 2019-20 (Quantity in Metric Tons)
1	Gujarat	2122.62
2	Goa	25.20
3	Jharkhand	3296.34
4	Maharashtra	6480.00
5	Odisha	5809.051
6	Tamil Nadu	3983.28
7	West Bengal	3904.08
8	Manipur	199.20
9	Tripura	344.40
	Total	26164.171

Sl. No.	States/UTs	Allocation of foodgrains for FY 2020-21 (Quantity in Metric Tons)
1	Odisha	3438.647
	Total	3438.647

Year of allocation	Quantity of Foodgrains (in Metric Tons)
2021-22	No demand under the scheme during FY 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 from States/UTs and, hence, no allocation of foodgrains was made
2022-23	
2023-24	
