

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025

PMGKAY AND ANBP DURING COVID-19

2928 **SHRI BRIJ LAL:**
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Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of PMGKAY during COVID-19;
- (b) the scheme's duration and financial outlay;
- (c) the foodgrain allocated during COVID-19; and
- (d) the relief measures taken for migrants?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(a) to (c): The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was launched with the specific purpose of ameliorating the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. In view of COVID crisis, the allocation of free foodgrains @ 5 Kg per person per month, under PMGKAY was in addition to regular allocation to about 80 Crore National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries. A total quantity of approx. 1118 LMT foodgrains was allocated under PMGKAY (Phase I-VII) for the period of 28 months with a total planned financial outlay of about Rs. 3.91 lakh crore.

(d): As part of Economics Measures (Atma Nirbhar Bharat) Government of India has allocated about 8 Lakh MT free foodgrains for the migrants, who are not covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) or State Scheme PDS Cards, @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for two months (May & June, 2020) to benefit approximately 8 crore standard migrants, to help mitigate their plight during this precarious COVID-19 situation and to ensure availability of foodgrains to them.
