

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 995  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025**

**AAY: ALLOCATIONS OF FOODGRAINS TO KERALA**

995 **SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:**

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

- (a) the present foodgrain quota allotted to the State of Kerala under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY);
- (b) whether the State being declared as 'free from extreme poverty' would change the Centre's present AAY allocations to Kerala, the details thereof;
- (c) the details on AAY allocations, coverage, beneficiaries and malnutrition trends, in the last five years, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether AAY in its current form has genuinely reduced extreme poverty and malnutrition across the country; and
- (e) whether any study has been conducted or proposed to be conducted to verify malnutrition trends, if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
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- (a): At present, total monthly allocation to Kerala under AAY category is 20852.965 MT (i.e. 17757.490 MT Rice and 3095.475 MT Wheat).
  - (b): As the extreme poverty is not any criteria, for identification of eligible households, in the AAY guidelines, no change in the supply of foodgrains to Kerala is envisaged, for the present.
  - (c): Statement showing allocation, coverage/beneficiaries & malnutrition indicator of children, State/UT wise, is placed at Annexure-I, II & III respectively.

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(d) & (e): Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) was launched by the Government of India with the objective of providing food security to the poorest of the poor households by supplying them 35 kg of foodgrains per month. The scheme aims to ensure that the most vulnerable families do not suffer from hunger or lack of access to basic staple food, and continues as a priority category under National Food Security Act (NFSA).

The Government of India developed a comprehensive index known as National Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) to measure poverty. As per the latest report, the proportion of population in multidimensional poverty declined from 24.85% to 14.96% between 2015-16 and 2019- 21, indicating that about 13.5 crore people have escaped poverty during the period. As per the discussion paper on Multidimensional Poverty in India since 2005 Multidimensional Poverty in India is estimated to have declined from 29.17% in 2013-14 to 11.28% in 2022-23 implying that 24.8 crore people have escaped poverty during this period.

AAY in its present form has been effective in cushioning the poorest households against poverty and hunger by lowering cereal expenditure and protecting vulnerable households during economic shocks, while malnutrition is being addressed through convergent, multisectoral actions beyond AAY itself. Malnutrition is multidimensional and influenced by dietary diversity, health services, sanitation, women's education, and care practices; grain-based subsidies alone cannot fully eliminate under-nutrition. The Government has therefore integrated AAY within the NFSA and complemented it with schemes for fortified rice, Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PM POSHAN) and Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) interventions to address both calorie adequacy and hidden hunger.

Various rounds of the National Family Health Survey (NFHS) conducted by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare since 1992-93 have shown improvement in malnutrition indicators in children across India. Details of these indicators for children since NFHS-1 to NFHS-5 are given below:

<b>NFHS Survey</b>	<b>Stunting %</b>	<b>Underweight %</b>	<b>Wasting %</b>
NFHS-1 (1992-93)*	52	53.4	17.5
NFHS-2 (1998-99)**	45.5	47	15.5
NFHS-3 (2005-6)***	48.0	42.5	19.8
NFHS-4 (2015-16)****	38.4	35.8	21.0
NFHS-5 (2019-21)****	35.5	32.1	19.3

\*Under 4 years

\*\*Under 3 years

\*\*\*Under 5 years

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ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION  
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Allocation of foodgrains under AAY from 2020-21 to 2025-26						
(in thousand tons)						
Sl No.	State/UTs	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	381.557	381.557	381.557	381.557	381.557
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	15.719	15.918	15.918	15.918	15.918
3	ASSAM	292.906	290.447	290.431	290.431	288.440
4	BIHAR	1050.420	1050.420	1050.420	1050.420	1050.420
5	CHHATTISGARH	301.980	301.980	301.980	301.980	301.980
6	DELHI	31.645	28.861	28.872	28.828	28.804
7	GOA	5.243	5.243	5.243	5.243	5.243
8	GUJARAT	339.870	339.101	333.075	326.207	325.034
9	HARYANA	110.880	110.880	110.880	110.880	110.880
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	76.413	76.413	76.413	76.413	71.078
11	JHARKHAND	385.166	385.283	377.982	375.890	375.421
12	KARNATAKA	460.740	461.004	460.740	460.740	460.740
13	KERALA	242.655	250.236	250.236	250.234	250.236
14	MADHYA PRADESH	587.853	619.162	620.971	616.414	614.612
15	MAHARASHTRA	1053.719	1052.232	1052.227	1052.226	1052.226
16	MANIPUR	26.712	26.516	26.712	26.712	26.701
17	MEGHALAYA	29.483	29.483	29.483	29.483	29.483
18	MIZORAM	10.747	10.747	10.747	10.747	10.810
19	NAGALAND	19.950	19.950	19.950	19.950	19.950

20	<b>ORISSA</b>	524.027	528.348	526.356	526.414	526.293
21	<b>PUNJAB</b>	75.180	75.180	75.180	75.180	75.180
22	<b>RAJASTHAN</b>	370.239	264.237	264.237	264.237	264.237
23	<b>SIKKIM</b>	6.930	6.930	6.930	6.930	6.930
24	<b>TAMIL NADU</b>	762.411	783.132	783.132	782.861	782.771
25	<b>TELANGANA</b>	238.059	238.059	238.059	238.059	237.728
26	<b>TRIPURA</b>	47.258	47.502	46.359	45.686	45.733
27	<b>UTTARAKHAND</b>	77.328	77.328	77.328	77.328	77.328
28	<b>UTTAR PRADESH</b>	1686.701	1715.332	1718.544	1717.516	1717.820
29	<b>WEST BENGAL</b>	689.536	689.536	689.536	689.536	689.536
30	<b>A &amp; N ISLANDS</b>	1.588	1.588	1.588	1.588	1.588
31	<b>CHANDIGARH (DBT)</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	<b>D &amp; N H and D &amp; DIU</b>	2.243	2.191	2.156	2.143	2.143
33	<b>JAMMU&amp; KASHMIR</b>	97.971	97.971	97.971	97.971	97.971
34	<b>LADAKH</b>	2.562	2.562	2.562	2.562	2.562
35	<b>LAKSHADWEEP</b>	0.441	0.441	0.441	0.441	0.441
36	<b>PUDDUCHERRY(DBT)</b>	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	<b>Total</b>	10006.136	9985.773	9974.218	9958.727	9947.795

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(in lakhs)

State/UT-wise number of households (HH) covered under AAY and identified households under NFSA, 2013 during last five years							
Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Ceiling of AAY HH	As on 31.03.2021	As on 31.03.2022	As on 31.03.2023	As on 31.03.2024	As on 31.03.2025
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	9.09	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08	9.08
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38
3	ASSAM	7.04	6.92	6.92	6.92	6.92	6.73
4	BIHAR	25.01	25.01	25.01	25.01	25.01	25.01
5	CHHATTISGARH	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19	7.19
6	DELHI	1.57	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69	0.69
7	GOA	0.18	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12
8	GUJARAT	8.13	8.10	7.98	7.88	7.73	7.77
9	HARYANA	3.03	2.68	2.68	2.68	2.68	2.68
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	1.97	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.82	1.65
11	JHARKHAND	9.18	9.17	9.18	8.98	8.94	8.94
12	KARNATAKA	12.00	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97	10.97
13	KERALA	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96	5.96
14	MADHYA PRADESH	15.82	14.05	14.81	14.76	14.63	14.63
15	MAHARASHTRA	25.05	25.05	25.05	25.05	25.05	25.05
16	MANIPUR	0.64	0.63	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.64
17	MEGHALAYA	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70
18	MIZORAM	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.26
19	NAGALAND	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48	0.48

20	ODISHA	12.65	12.59	12.58	12.53	12.54	12.53
21	PUNJAB	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.79	1.79
22	RAJASTHAN	9.32	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.29
23	SIKKIM	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.17
24	TAMIL NADU	18.65	18.65	18.65	18.65	18.64	18.64
25	TELANGANA	6.49	5.67	5.67	5.67	5.67	5.67
26	TRIPURA	1.13	1.10	1.10	1.08	1.09	1.09
27	UTTAR PRADESH	40.95	40.95	40.91	40.92	40.88	40.90
28	UTTARAKHA ND	1.91	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84	1.84
29	WEST BENGAL	19.86	16.42	16.42	16.42	16.42	16.42
30	A&N	0.11	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
31	DNH&DD	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
32	LAKSHADWE EP	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
33	CHANDIGAR H (DBT)	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
34	PUDUCHERY (DBT)	0.32	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
35	J&K	2.76	2.33	2.33	2.33	2.33	2.33
36	LADAKH	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06
TOTAL		250.00	237.48	238.08	237.67	237.31	237.00

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State wise detail of malnutrition indicators of children (0-5 years) for February 2023, February 2024 and February 25 from Poshan Tracker (in %)										
S. No.	State/UTs	Feb-23			Feb-24			Feb-25		
		Stunted	Wasted	Under weight	Stunted	Wasted	Under weight	Stunting	Wasting	Under weight
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	20.00	4.95	9.69	20.30	5.49	9.77	18.27	4.83	7.91
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	32.07	4.90	12.50	30.26	4.72	8.97	37.18	4.54	10.76
3	ASSAM	38.76	7.17	18.27	40.28	4.50	15.63	42.79	4.12	16.41
4	BIHAR	41.60	10.52	25.10	41.44	9.99	23.25	47.33	9.58	24.09
5	CHHATTISGARH	37.40	13.54	17.11	33.57	9.90	15.20	26.20	6.96	13.35
6	GOA	25.79	6.03	11.17	18.36	2.37	5.56	7.51	1.10	2.46
7	GUJARAT	51.80	7.69	22.43	43.48	8.30	19.82	36.53	7.95	19.84
8	HARYANA	30.74	7.33	12.49	26.40	4.98	7.90	27.63	4.17	8.38
9	HIMACHAL PRADESH	25.05	3.47	8.97	19.79	1.88	5.93	19.47	2.07	6.31
10	JHARKHAND	40.40	9.70	23.09	41.52	7.86	18.58	43.91	6.39	19.14
11	KARNATAKA	39.41	8.41	19.95	40.72	7.86	18.33	41.20	3.68	17.61
12	KERALA	35.73	8.70	14.43	32.93	3.20	9.41	37.05	2.93	10.30
13	MADHYA PRADESH	54.12	7.69	26.22	41.26	6.47	21.89	46.60	7.04	25.42
14	MAHARASHTRA	46.06	7.11	19.83	48.63	5.42	18.19	44.45	3.80	14.63
15	MANIPUR	17.76	1.64	7.48	16.89	1.55	7.97	9.69	0.66	2.77
16	MEGHALAYA	28.42	2.49	8.01	22.94	1.39	5.22	19.02	0.92	4.21
17	MIZORAM	22.08	4.05	6.51	24.64	3.26	6.21	29.53	2.49	6.44
18	NAGALAND	42.86	6.43	12.14	27.02	5.52	7.16	31.15	5.61	7.26
19	ODISHA	31.17	5.00	14.62	28.17	3.60	12.27	28.95	2.98	11.88
20	PUNJAB	26.05	7.39	12.35	18.65	4.11	6.69	20.67	3.50	6.49
21	RAJASTHAN	34.10	11.43	20.32	37.43	7.71	17.63	38.57	6.31	18.67
22	SIKKIM	14.97	3.10	3.81	12.53	2.61	2.24	10.26	2.04	2.02
23	TAMILNADU	19.27	5.15	9.43	15.08	3.98	7.05	13.76	3.46	6.40
24	TELANGANA	27.27	4.86	13.41	29.25	4.63	12.55	33.39	5.25	15.44
25	TRIPURA	39.22	8.74	17.11	38.08	7.18	15.45	41.35	6.99	17.28
26	UTTAR PRADESH	47.66	7.42	20.92	46.17	5.24	19.19	48.72	4.34	19.76
27	UTTARAKHAND	33.29	7.54	9.05	34.23	5.77	8.31	23.76	2.40	6.21
28	WEST BENGAL	40.77	9.59	15.26	37.36	8.21	12.01	35.22	6.57	11.01
29	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS	25.41	6.73	10.71	20.19	4.34	7.67	8.33	2.11	3.62
30	DADRA & NAGARH AVELI - DAMAN & DIU	53.13	11.79	36.42	48.16	10.28	31.03	38.15	2.47	14.46
31	DELHI	22.40	2.01	10.01	38.43	2.00	15.92	42.90	2.51	17.81
32	J&K	15.37	1.85	5.89	16.38	2.28	4.41	14.32	1.28	3.47



<b>33</b>	<b>LADAKH</b>	22.32	3.66	6.67	13.13	0.89	2.58	10.31	0.19	1.54
<b>34</b>	<b>LAKSHADWEEP</b>	NA	NA	NA	44.25	14.84	26.96	40.62	11.86	22.17
<b>35</b>	<b>PUDUCHERRY</b>	26.59	8.21	11.53	32.69	7.44	11.25	41.13	7.36	13.22
<b>36</b>	<b>UT-CHANDIGARH</b>	33.09	2.64	14.09	25.32	0.27	7.12	26.77	1.66	9.21
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>39.37</b>	<b>7.71</b>	<b>18.44</b>	<b>38.22</b>	<b>6.26</b>	<b>16.52</b>	<b>39.09</b>	<b>5.35</b>	<b>16.60</b>

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