

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH FEBRUARY, 2026

EXPENDITURE ON FOOD SUBSIDY

1158: SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM:

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

- (a): the details(in ₹) of total expenditure on food subsidy for the last five years year-wise;
- (b): the percentage of total population covered under PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana; and
- (c): the percentage of the total population engaged in agriculture and allied sectors?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a): Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) reimburses the expenditure incurred by Food Corporation of India (FCI) and States, that have opted for Decentralized Procurement (DCP) mode for distribution of food grain under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) & various Gol schemes to all eligible beneficiaries. Further, funds are also released by FCI to the States for the quantum of food-grains handed over to them by States under Central Pool. The difference between Economic Cost and Central Issue Price (CIP), at which foodgrains are issued to States, is reimbursed to FCI and DCP States as food subsidy. The aforesaid food subsidy released to DCP States & FCI is made as per budgetary allocation made by Ministry of Finance (MoF). The details of food subsidy released to FCI and DCP States during the last 5 years and current year (FY 2025-26) are at Annexure-I.

(b): The PMGKAY provides for coverage of upto 75% of rural population and upto 50% of urban population thus covering about two-thirds of the total population of the country which at Census 2011 comes to 81.35 crore. Coverage under the PMGKAY is substantially high to ensure that all the vulnerable and needy sections of the society get its benefit. At present, against the intended coverage of 81.35 crore, the States/UTs have identified 80.56 crore person.

(c): As per National Sample Survey (NSS) Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) latest report of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), the total labour /work force is around 46.10% in 2023-24 dependent on agriculture and allied sectors.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1158 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.02.2026 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

Annexure-I

The details of food subsidy released to FCI and DCP States during the last 5 years and current year (FY 2025-26) are as below: (in Rs crore)

Year	FCI	DCP States	Total
2020-21	462789.00	66901.77	529690.77
2021-22	208929.00	79789.54	288718.54
2022-23	200219.20	72282.50	272501.70
2023-24	139661.03	71732.82	211393.85
2024-25	129089.40	70410.60	199500.00
2025-26* (As on 05.02.2026)	109148.00	53376.41	162524.41

* Rs. 2,27,753.65 crore has been allocated by Ministry of Finance as RE (2025-26) towards release of food subsidy to FCI and DCP States (Rs. 1,53,83,455 crore for FCI and Rs. 73,919.10 crore for DCP States).

From April, 2020 to December 2022 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyaan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), 5Kg per month per person free of cost food grain was distributed to all AAY and PHH beneficiaries.