

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3566  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN ANNA YOJANA IN HIMACHAL PRADESH**

3566 **SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:**

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

- (a): the number of beneficiaries under the PMGKAY across the country and specifically in Himachal Pradesh;
- (b): the quantity of foodgrains distributed under the scheme and the expenditure incurred thereon; and
- (c): whether Government decided any special provisions for States like Himachal Pradesh, which are predominantly hilly, if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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(a): The state-wise number of beneficiaries in country (including Himachal Pradesh) under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is at **Annexure**.

(b) & (c): Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), while Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, which constitute poorest of the poor are entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains, per household per month, Priority Households (PHH) are entitled to 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month free of cost.. Further, the Department of Food & Public Distribution reimburses the expenditure incurred by States, that have opted for Decentralized Procurement (DCP) mode (including Himachal Pradesh) for distribution of food-grains to the beneficiaries of Central Schemes as per allocation made by Government of India. The difference between Economic Cost (including MSP) and Central Issue Price (CIP), at which food grains are issued to States, is reimbursed to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and DCP States as food subsidy. The release of food subsidy is an ongoing and continuous process. The food subsidy claims as submitted by States on monthly/quarterly basis are processed keeping in view the opening and closing balance of stocks, procurement, allocation and distribution of food grains under various DCP States & FCI is made as per budgetary allocation made by MoF. Further, funds are also released by Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the States for the quantum of food-grains handed over to them by States for Central Pool. An amount of Rs. 47.38 Crores towards food subsidy has been released to Himachal Pradesh so far (as on 18.03.2026) under DCP mode in FY 2025-26.

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State/UT wise beneficiary count

S. No.	State Name	Beneficiary Count		
		AAY	PHH	Total
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	11,460	49,874	61,334
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	22,62,735	2,45,57,311	2,68,20,046
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1,58,173	7,12,827	8,71,000
4	ASSAM	21,50,112	2,27,44,682	2,48,94,794
5	BIHAR	82,85,856	7,65,77,775	8,48,63,631
6	CHANDIGARH	909	3,42,045	3,42,954
7	CHHATTISGARH	18,63,494	1,81,10,189	1,99,73,683
8	DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	20,720	2,42,655	2,63,375
9	DELHI	2,67,596	69,52,754	72,20,350
10	GOA	38,845	4,37,458	4,76,303
11	GUJARAT	31,94,939	3,04,95,464	3,36,90,403
12	HARYANA	8,14,199	1,18,34,801	1,26,49,000
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	6,36,101	22,18,560	28,54,661
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	8,79,506	58,67,666	67,47,172
15	JHARKHAND	33,70,486	2,29,20,643	2,62,91,129
16	KARNATAKA	42,91,855	3,59,01,388	4,01,93,243
17	KERALA	18,57,601	1,32,07,569	1,50,65,170
18	LADAKH	19,011	94,792	1,13,803
19	LAKSHADWEEP	4,044	16,051	20,095
20	MADHYA PRADESH	47,40,698	4,90,66,439	5,38,07,137
21	MAHARASHTRA	98,38,956	5,83,03,381	6,81,42,337
22	MANIPUR	1,86,879	19,23,499	21,10,378
23	MEGHALAYA	2,89,823	18,47,032	21,36,855
24	MIZORAM	63,176	6,42,824	7,06,000
25	NAGALAND	1,30,642	10,04,928	11,35,570
26	ODISHA	34,30,666	2,89,48,298	3,23,78,964
27	PUDUCHERRY	77,275	5,56,725	6,34,000
28	PUNJAB	3,23,314	1,38,27,686	1,41,51,000
29	RAJASTHAN	19,20,354	4,20,59,930	4,39,80,284
30	SIKKIM	57,794	3,18,786	3,76,580
31	TAMIL NADU	64,01,469	3,00,68,531	3,64,70,000
32	TELANGANA	15,67,671	1,75,12,350	1,90,80,021
33	TRIPURA	4,35,055	18,99,809	23,34,864
34	UTTARAKHAND	6,69,573	53,53,811	60,23,384
35	UTTAR PRADESH	1,28,15,334	13,43,32,094	14,71,47,428
36	WEST BENGAL	52,88,451	5,46,87,215	5,99,75,666
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,83,64,772</b>	<b>71,56,37,842</b>	<b>79,40,02,614</b>