

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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 21
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21ST JULY, 2026

ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS TO STATES

21 DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

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

- (a): total annual allocation of foodgrains under various categories to each State during the last three years, State-wise, year-wise and category-wise;
- (b): whether Government proposed any amendment to the National Food Security Act or the Antyodaya Anna Yojana affecting existing entitlement of foodgrains to beneficiary households and consequential allocation to States;
- (c): whether the proposed reduction in free foodgrain entitlement for households with fewer than five members would disproportionately affect States like Kerala, where small nuclear families predominate; and
- (d): whether Kerala Government submitted any formal representation regarding the proposed changes in allocation, details thereof and response thereto?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTRY
OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PRALHAD JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 21 (6th POSITION) DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21ST JULY 2026 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

(a): The statements indicating State/UT-wise & category-wise annual allocation of food grains from 2023-24 to 2025-26 under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 and Tide Over are at **Annexure-I**.

(b) & (c): At present, under the NFSA, 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.

The Government has, as part of pre legislative consultation, circulated the draft National Food Security (Amendment) Bill, 2026 seeking to revise the foodgrains entitlement of AAY households from thirty-five kilograms of foodgrains per household per month to seven kilograms of foodgrains per person per month, subject to a maximum of thirty-five kilograms of foodgrains per household per month.

The draft Bill aims to ensure equitable distribution, promote uniformity in entitlements, address variations arising from the existing household-based system, and align the allocation framework with the objectives of the NFSA.

(d): Yes, a letter has been received from the State Govt. of Kerala requesting to maintain the status quo of monthly ceiling at 35 kg per household without reducing the allotment on the basis of family size.

The existing fixed entitlement of 35 kg per household per month for AAY, irrespective of family size, has led to intra-category inequities. The amendment envisage rationalisation of entitlements ensuring equitable per capita distribution, greater uniformity, and alignment with the objectives of the NFSA.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 21
DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.07.2026 IN THE RAJYA SABHA

(in thousand tons)

S.No.	States/UTs	Total Annual allocation of food grains in 2023-24			
		NFSA		Tide over	Total
		AAY	PHH		
1	Andhra Pradesh	381.557	1468.219	22.068	1871.844
2	Arunachal Pradesh	15.918	41.416	31.661	88.996
3	Assam	290.431	1338.504	66.195	1695.130
4	Bihar	1050.420	4476.680	0.000	5527.100
5	Chhattisgarh	301.980	1082.076	0.000	1384.056
6	Delhi	28.828	419.949	0.000	448.777
7	Goa	5.243	29.155	24.647	59.045
8	Gujarat	326.207	1885.028	0.000	2211.234
9	Haryana	110.880	684.120	0.000	795.000
10	Himachal Pradesh	76.413	125.877	305.730	508.020
11	Jharkhand	375.890	1375.130	0.000	1751.020
12	Karnataka	460.740	2148.096	0.000	2608.836
13	Kerala	250.234	775.284	399.530	1425.048
14	Madhya Pradesh	616.414	2819.668	0.000	3436.082
15	Maharashtra	1052.226	3552.962	0.000	4605.188
16	Manipur	26.712	109.574	0.000	136.286
17	Meghalaya	29.483	111.249	35.565	176.298
18	Mizoram	10.747	36.789	18.222	65.758
19	Nagaland	19.950	71.635	46.473	138.058
20	Odisha	526.414	1725.203	0.000	2251.617
21	Punjab	75.180	794.940	0.000	870.120
22	Rajasthan	264.237	2506.347	0.000	2770.584
23	Sikkim	6.930	19.443	17.951	44.325
24	Tamil Nadu	782.861	1786.671	1108.220	3677.752
25	Telangana	238.059	1057.991	41.949	1338.000
26	Tripura	45.686	118.657	106.888	271.231
27	Uttarakhand	77.328	324.129	101.532	502.990
28	Uttar Pradesh	1717.516	8217.968	0.000	9935.484
29	West Bengal	689.536	3281.084	0.000	3970.620
30	A & N Island	1.588	2.786	25.184	29.558
31	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu	2.143	12.985	0.000	15.128
33	Jammu & Kashmir	97.971	370.825	265.857	734.654
34	Ladakh	2.562	6.881	6.983	16.427
35	Lakshadweep	0.441	1.081	3.098	4.620
36	Puducherry (DBT)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Total	9958.727	42778.402	2627.755	55364.884

(in thousand tons)

S.No.	States/ Uts	Total Annual allocation of food grains in 2024-25			
		NFSA		Tide over	Total
		AAY	PHH		
1	Andhra Pradesh	381.557	1468.219	22.068	1871.844
2	Arunachal Pradesh	15.918	41.416	31.661	88.996
3	Assam	288.440	1343.309	63.381	1695.130
4	Bihar	1050.420	4476.680	0.000	5527.100
5	Chhattisgarh	301.980	1082.076	0.000	1384.056
6	Delhi	28.804	419.999	0.000	448.803
7	Goa	5.243	29.155	24.647	59.045
8	Gujarat	325.034	1938.312	0.000	2263.346
9	Haryana	110.880	684.120	0.000	795.000
10	Himachal Pradesh	71.078	135.269	301.671	508.018
11	Jharkhand	375.421	1376.572	0.000	1751.993
12	Karnataka	460.740	2148.096	0.000	2608.836
13	Kerala	250.236	775.283	399.530	1425.049
14	Madhya Pradesh	614.612	2879.183	0.000	3493.795
15	Maharashtra	1052.226	3552.962	0.000	4605.188
16	Manipur	26.701	111.336	0.000	138.037
17	Meghalaya	29.483	111.249	35.565	176.298
18	Mizoram	10.810	37.911	17.038	65.758
19	Nagaland	19.950	71.635	46.473	138.058
20	Odisha	526.293	1726.912	0.000	2253.205
21	Punjab	75.180	794.940	0.000	870.120
22	Rajasthan	264.237	2506.347	0.000	2770.584
23	Sikkim	6.930	19.443	17.951	44.325
24	Tamil Nadu	782.771	1790.036	1104.945	3677.752
25	Telangana	237.728	1054.949	45.130	1337.807
26	Tripura	45.733	118.851	106.646	271.231
27	Uttarakhand	77.328	324.129	101.532	502.990
28	Uttar Pradesh	1717.820	8232.572	0.000	9950.393
29	West Bengal	689.536	3281.084	0.000	3970.620
30	A & N Island	1.588	2.786	25.184	29.558
31	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu	2.143	12.985	0.000	15.128
33	Jammu & Kashmir	97.971	370.825	265.857	734.654
34	Ladakh	2.562	6.881	6.983	16.427
35	Lakshadweep	0.441	1.081	3.098	4.620
36	Pudducherry (DBT)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Total	9947.795	42926.605	2619.361	55493.762

(in thousand tons)

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		AAY	PHH		
1	Andhra Pradesh	381.557	1468.077	22.068	1871.701
2	Arunachal Pradesh	15.876	41.621	31.500	88.996
3	Assam	282.203	1358.888	54.039	1695.130
4	Bihar	1050.420	4452.007	0.000	5502.427
5	Chhattisgarh	301.980	1082.076	0.000	1384.056
6	Delhi	28.804	419.999	0.000	448.803
7	Goa	5.243	29.155	24.647	59.045
8	Gujarat	323.398	1882.841	0.000	2206.239
9	Haryana	110.880	684.120	0.000	795.000
10	Himachal Pradesh	69.300	138.400	300.317	508.017
11	Jharkhand	375.421	1376.247	0.000	1751.668
12	Karnataka	460.740	2148.026	0.000	2608.766
13	Kerala	250.236	775.283	399.530	1425.049
14	Madhya Pradesh	614.612	2876.925	0.000	3491.536
15	Maharashtra	1052.226	3552.962	0.000	4605.188
16	Manipur	26.686	113.803	0.000	140.489
17	Meghalaya	29.483	111.249	35.565	176.298
18	Mizoram	10.865	38.457	16.435	65.758
19	Nagaland	19.950	71.634	46.473	138.057
20	Odisha	526.195	1725.612	0.000	2251.807
21	Punjab	75.180	794.940	0.000	870.120
22	Rajasthan	264.237	2506.347	0.000	2770.584
23	Sikkim	6.930	19.443	17.951	44.325
24	Tamil Nadu	782.771	1790.009	1104.946	3677.726
25	Telangana	238.074	1054.446	45.247	1337.768
26	Tripura	45.733	118.851	106.646	271.231
27	Uttarakhand	77.328	324.129	101.534	502.992
28	Uttar Pradesh	1717.958	8173.669	0.000	9891.627
29	West Bengal	689.536	3281.084	0.000	3970.620
30	A & N Island	1.588	2.786	25.184	29.558
31	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
32	D&N Haveli and Daman & Diu	2.143	12.985	0.000	15.128
33	Jammu & Kashmir	97.971	370.825	265.857	734.654
34	Ladakh	2.562	6.881	6.983	16.427
35	Lakshadweep	0.441	1.081	3.098	4.620
36	Pudducherry (DBT)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
	Total	9938.528	42804.858	2608.022	55351.408