

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1802
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04TH AUGUST, 2026

PROJECT FOR SEGREGATION OF BROKEN RICE

1802 SHRI RATANJIT PRATAP NARAIN SINGH:

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

- (a) the objective of the Centre's pilot project for the segregation of broken Rice and how it is expected to improve the overall quality of foodgrains distributed through Government channels;
- (b) how this initiative aligns with Government's broader strategy to enhance the efficiency and transparency of the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (c) the details of technological innovations or modern equipment deployed for the segregation process under this pilot project; and
- (d) the details of Government's plan to expand this pilot project to other regions of the country based on the results and feedback from the current implementation?

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(a): With an objective to improve the quality of rice supplied to Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beneficiaries, the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD) conducted a pilot in Punjab, Haryana, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, reducing permissible broken rice content from the existing 25% to 10%.

(b): The Initiative will enhance the quality of food grains supplied to beneficiaries, improve consumer satisfaction and make available superior-grade rice in the Central Pool.

Further, the initiative reduces subsidy cost on Government of India on account of lesser transportation, storage and packaging cost.

(c): One additional length grader is required for processing of paddy to achieve Improved Rice with upto 10% broken.

(d): Following the successful completion of the pilot, the CMR with 10% broken scheme was implemented in Seven States i.e. Punjab, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Telangana and Madhya Pradesh for a total quantity of 50 LMT during KMS 2025-26.

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 01.07.2026 has approved nation-wide rollout of supply of improved-quality rice with upto 10% broken in case of raw rice and with upto 5% broken in case of parboiled rice under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and Other Welfare Scheme (OWS).
