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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2595
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH AUGUST, 2026

BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER NFSA IN ODISHA

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

- (a) the total number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) across the country and in the State of Odisha, category-wise and district-wise;
- (b) the quantity of foodgrains allocated and distributed under the scheme during the last five years, State-wise;
- (c) the amount of food subsidy incurred by Government during the said period; and
- (d) the measures taken by Government to further strengthen food security and nutritional support under the scheme?

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(a) & (b): The National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) is being successfully implemented in all the States/UTs, including in the State of Odisha. The Act provides for coverage of upto 75% of the rural and upto 50% of the urban population, which at Census 2011 comes to 81.35 crore persons. Under the Act, while Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, which constitute the 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.

In order to ensure that there are no long-term effects of the COVID-19 crisis on food security and nutrition in the country, and the targeted beneficiaries do not face any issue of food security on account of the pandemic, the Government launched Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Under the PMGKAY, free of cost foodgrains @ 5 kg per person per month were distributed to all the beneficiaries covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System (Antyodaya Anna Yojana & Priority Households). This was over and above the monthly

benefit provided under the NFSA to about 80 crore persons. The scheme was operational in seven phases - from April, 2020 to 31.12.2022.

The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the programme for support of the poor, distributed food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries, beginning from 1st January 2023, under the PMGKAY. The period for distribution of free of cost foodgrains has been extended for five years from 1st January, 2024, with an estimated financial outlay of Rs. 11.80 lakh crore, to be borne by the Central Government.

The scale of distribution of foodgrains to beneficiaries under the NFSA/ PMGKAY is uniform across all the States/UTs.

A statement indicating State/UT-wise allocation of foodgrains under the NFSA and PMGKAY during the last five years is at **Annexure-I**.

At present, against the intended coverage of 81.35 crore persons, the States/UTs have identified 79.08 crore beneficiaries (as on 16.07.2026), including 321.93 lakh beneficiaries in the State of Odisha, for receiving free of cost foodgrains under the NFSA. A Statement indicating category-wise and district-wise numbers of beneficiaries in the State of Odisha is at **Annexure-II**.

(c): The Central Government reimburses the expenditure incurred by States that have opted for the Decentralised Procurement (DCP) mode for distribution of food-grains to the beneficiaries of Central Schemes as per allocation made by the Government of India. Further, funds are also released by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to the States for the quantum of food-grains handed over to them by the States for the 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 details of food subsidy released by the Central Government during last 5 years under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is given below:

Financial Year	Food subsidy released (₹ In crore)
2021-22	2,88,718.5
2022-23	272501.69
2023-24	211394.40
2024-25	199500.00
2025-26	227739.90

(d): To enhance transparency, digitisation, and overall efficiency across the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the Government has implemented key initiatives including 100% database digitisation & Aadhaar seeding of Ration Cards, Rightful Targeting through data analytics, online grain allocation, supply chain computerization, and transparency and grievance portals across all States and UTs. Additionally, distribution has been streamlined through ePoS-automated Fair Price Shops with biometric authentication, nationwide card portability via the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme, implementation of SMART-PDS, and advanced real-time data integration and tracking under the NIRMAL and SAKSHAM initiatives of the SARTHAK PDS umbrella scheme (2026–31).

Further, in order to improve the level of nutrition among the targeted beneficiaries, an advisory has also been issued to all the States/UTs to procure millets and distribute them to beneficiaries as per local consumption preferences and as per guidelines issued by the Central Government from time to time.

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State/UT-wise quantity of foodgrains allocated under the NFSA during the last five years

Sl. No.	State/UT	Total annual allocation under NFSA (AAY, PHH & Tide Over) in thousand tons				
		2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
1	Andhra Pradesh	1871.84	1871.84	1871.84	1871.84	1871.84
2	Arunachal Pradesh	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00	89.00
3	Assam	1694.73	1695.13	1695.13	1695.13	1695.13
4	Bihar	5527.10	5527.10	5527.10	5527.10	5527.10
5	Chhattisgarh	1384.06	1384.06	1384.06	1384.06	1384.06
6	Delhi	448.68	448.70	448.78	448.80	448.80
7	Goa	59.04	59.04	59.04	59.04	59.04
8	Gujarat	2175.74	2185.38	2211.23	2263.35	2206.24
9	Haryana	795.00	795.00	795.00	795.00	795.00
10	Himachal Pradesh	508.02	508.02	508.02	508.02	508.02
11	Jharkhand	1724.90	1743.73	1751.02	1751.99	1751.99
12	Karnataka	2608.82	2608.84	2608.84	2608.84	2608.84
13	Kerala	1425.05	1425.05	1425.05	1425.05	1425.05
14	Madhya Pradesh	3165.84	3259.68	3436.08	3493.79	3491.54
15	Maharashtra	4605.19	4605.19	4605.19	4605.19	4605.19
16	Manipur	130.99	136.17	136.29	138.04	140.49
17	Meghalaya	176.30	176.30	176.30	176.30	176.30
18	Mizoram	65.76	65.76	65.76	65.76	65.76
19	Nagaland	138.06	138.06	138.06	138.06	138.06
20	Orissa	2244.23	2249.71	2251.62	2253.21	2251.82
21	Punjab	870.12	870.12	870.12	870.12	870.12
22	Rajasthan	2770.58	2770.58	2770.58	2770.58	2770.58
23	Sikkim	44.32	44.32	44.32	44.32	44.32
24	Tamil Nadu	3677.75	3677.75	3677.75	3677.75	3677.75
25	Telangana	1338.00	1338.00	1338.00	1337.81	1337.77

26	Tripura	271.23	271.22	271.23	271.23	271.23
27	Uttarakhand	503.00	502.99	502.99	502.99	502.99
28	Uttar Pradesh	9780.56	9878.53	9935.48	9950.39	9912.68
29	West Bengal	3970.62	3970.62	3970.62	3970.62	3970.62
30	A & N Islands	29.56	29.56	29.56	29.56	29.56
31	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
32	DNH&DD	15.42	15.16	15.13	15.13	15.13
33	Jammu& Kashmir	734.65	734.65	734.65	734.65	734.65
34	Ladakh	16.43	16.43	16.43	16.43	16.43
35	Lakshadweep	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62	4.62
36	Puducherry (DBT)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Total	54865.22	55096.31	55364.88	55493.76	55397.71

Allocation of foodgrains under the PMGKAY (During Covid-19 pandemic)

S.No.	States/UTs	2020-21 (PHASE I-II)	2021-22 (PHASE III-V)	2022-23(PHASE VI- VII)	TOTAL
1	Andhra Pradesh	1072.920	1475.218	1206.995	3755.133
2	Arunachal Pradesh	32.845	46.219	37.815	116.879
3	Assam	1006.117	1380.988	1130.251	3517.357
4	Bihar	3474.654	4791.399	3920.235	12186.288
5	Chhattisgarh	803.080	1104.235	903.465	2810.780
6	Delhi	290.933	400.290	327.510	1018.732
7	Goa	21.280	29.270	23.948	74.498
8	Gujarat	1530.143	1884.348	1551.681	4966.172
9	Haryana	505.960	695.695	569.205	1770.860
10	Himachal Pradesh	114.578	157.545	128.901	401.024
11	Jharkhand	1054.801	1451.459	1188.611	3694.871
12	Karnataka	1607.720	2210.615	1808.685	5627.020
13	Kerala	619.200	851.401	696.601	2167.202
14	Madhya Pradesh	2185.680	2654.248	2214.735	7054.663
15	Maharashtra	2800.680	3850.920	3150.751	9802.351
16	Manipur	98.526	105.942	90.262	294.730
17	Meghalaya	85.821	118.003	96.548	300.372
18	Mizoram	26.729	36.752	30.070	93.550
19	Nagaland	56.187	77.258	63.211	196.656
20	Odisha	1250.609	1783.081	1462.648	4496.338
21	Punjab	565.800	778.322	636.809	1980.930
22	Rajasthan	1786.480	2420.068	1980.056	6186.605
23	Sikkim	15.152	20.833	17.045	53.030
24	Tamil Nadu	1429.348	2005.815	1641.121	5076.285
25	Telangana	766.480	1053.920	862.299	2682.699

26	Tripura	99.788	136.745	110.705	347.238
27	Uttarakhand	247.787	340.670	278.730	867.187
28	Uttar Pradesh	5802.846	8126.602	6704.914	20634.362
29	West Bengal	2407.351	3310.107	2708.270	8425.728
30	Andaman Nicobar	2.434	3.347	2.739	8.521
31	Chandigarh	10.676	15.107	12.379	38.162
32	DNH&DD	11.482	15.563	13.293	40.339
33	J & K	289.462	398.259	325.848	1013.569
34	Ladakh	5.756	7.914	6.475	20.145
35	Lakshadweep	0.880	1.201	0.981	3.063
36	Puducherry	25.315	34.396	28.219	87.930
	Total	32105.501	43773.756	35932.010	111811.266

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Details of category-wise and district-wise beneficiaries covered under NFSA in the state of Odisha

S.No.	District name	Number of beneficiaries		
		AAY	PHH	Total
1	Anugul	88,598	8,59,517	9,48,115
2	Balangir	1,21,373	12,43,253	13,64,626
3	Baleshwar	2,49,878	15,98,346	18,48,224
4	Bargarh	1,25,169	10,18,512	11,43,681
5	Bhadrak	1,24,283	10,06,923	11,31,206
6	Boudh	45,793	3,10,826	3,56,619
7	Cuttack	1,39,487	16,24,559	17,64,046
8	Deogarh	37,063	2,22,638	2,59,701
9	Dhenkanal	95,554	8,43,604	9,39,158
10	Gajapati	49,543	4,27,823	4,77,366
11	Ganjam	2,00,817	23,65,221	25,66,038
12	Jagatsinghapur	76,536	7,68,643	8,45,179
13	Jajapur	1,32,183	13,50,457	14,82,640
14	Jharsuguda	20,494	3,62,074	3,82,568
15	Kalahandi	1,56,216	11,94,316	13,50,532
16	Kandhamal	75,764	5,47,974	6,23,738
17	Kendrapara	1,06,010	10,50,566	11,56,576
18	Kendujhar	1,64,524	12,89,624	14,54,148
19	Khordha	1,12,187	12,49,716	13,61,903
20	Koraput	1,56,857	9,68,507	11,25,364

21	Malkangiri	63,482	4,44,092	5,07,574
22	Mayurbhanj	2,63,849	17,80,080	20,43,929
23	Nabarangpur	1,39,728	9,09,810	10,49,538
24	Nayagarh	82,752	6,51,953	7,34,705
25	Nuapada	69,019	4,76,303	5,45,322
26	Puri	1,21,669	11,33,216	12,54,885
27	Rayagada	1,19,690	6,77,925	7,97,615
28	Sambalpur	71,657	6,71,544	7,43,201
29	Sonepur	72,394	4,14,954	4,87,348
30	Sundargarh	1,17,128	13,30,386	14,47,514
Total		33,99,697	2,87,93,362	3,21,93,059
