

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2022**

DROP IN PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

**4. SHRI GIRISH BHALCHANDRA BAPAT:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has assessed the requirement of foodgrains every year to support poor people under the Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Yojana;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the production of the foodgrains may drop in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar due to untimely rain;
- (d) if so, whether the public distribution system will be affected due to drop in the production of foodgrains;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the number of people who received support under the PDS every year; and
- (g) whether there is any proposal to double the quota of foodgrains to the poor people, if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. Allocations of free foodgrains under the Prime Minister Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) have been done in addition to the normal allocations under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). So far under PMGKAY(Phase I-VII), a total quantity of approx. 1118 LMT foodgrains has been allocated during the period April, 2020 to December, 2022.

(c) to (e): The details of foodgrain production for Bihar and Uttar Pradesh from 2019-20 onwards is placed at Annexure-I. Production of foodgrains depend on several factors such as rainfall, climatic condition etc. in the area.

(f): National Food Security Act, 2013 provides for coverage of about 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population (67% of the total population of the country) for receiving highly subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), which at Census 2011 comes to about 81.35 crore. The actual number of beneficiaries depends on addition/deletion of ration cards due to various reasons, as reported by States/UTs from time to time. At present the number of identified number of NFSA beneficiaries is 80.01 Crore.

(g): An additional allocation free of cost is made at the rate of 5 kg/person/month for all the NFSA beneficiaries uniformly under PMGKAY. Under the NFSA, Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households are entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains per family per month and priority households (PHH) are entitled to 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month at uniform subsidized prices of Rs. 3/2/1 per kg for rice/ wheat/ coarse grains respectively.

Annexure-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) to (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 4 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 07.12.2022 IN THE LOK SABHA REG. DROP IN PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

State	Season	Foodgrain Production ('000 Tonnes)		
		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22*
Bihar	Kharif	6659.98	6892.52	7287.44
	Rabi	7573.02	8490.07	8906.96
	Total	14233.00	15382.59	16194.40
Uttar Pradesh	Kharif	19645.46	19960.69	19490.57
	Rabi	36523.68	38146.23	36622.41
	Total	56169.14	58106.92	56112.98

*- As per Fourth Advance Estimates
