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

LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.92 TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH FEBRUARY, 2023

DISTRIBUTION OF FOODGRAINS UNDER PMGKAY

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

- (a) the amount of funds spent by Government for distribution of free ration to poor people under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) during the last two years;
- (b) whether the entire amount of expenditure to be incurred by the Government in one year for the expansion of the PMGKAY is to be borne by the Union Government or the State Governments are also likely to share the burden and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether under the said Yojana only 75 per cent of rural and 50 per cent of urban population is entitled to receive subsidised foodgrains under the Targeted Public Distribution System;
- (d) if so, the current status of the said Yojana in Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar and Gujarat; and
- (e) the details of funds spent/proposed to be spent in Jharkhand, Bihar and Gujarat under the PMGKAY?

A N S W E R MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND TEXTILES (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO.92 FOR ANSWER ON 08.02.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a): During the current year as on 31.01.2023, an amount of Rs.1,83,465.50 crore, including Rs.85,467.00 crore under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), has already been released towards food subsidy against the allocation of Rs. 2,86,978.50 crore for the year 2022-23.

Rs.1,00,247.00 crore and Rs.1,15,337.00 crore were released under PMGKAY during the year 2020-21 and 2021-22 respectively.

- (b): Keeping in view welfare of the Priority Household (PHH) and Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries and to relive them from the burden to pay the Central Issue Price of the foodgrains as well as in order to maintain uniformity throughout the State, free foodgrains is being provided to these beneficiaries as per their entitlements under National Food Security Act (NFSA), for a period of one year from 1st January, 2023. The entire cost of foodgrains will be borne by the Government of India, while the expenditure on intra-State transportation and Fair Price Shop Dealers' margins, is borne on sharing basis between the Union Government and the State Government.
- (c) & (d): The exercise of State-wise coverage within the overall national coverage was done by the erstwhile Planning Commission (Now NITI Aayog) using 68th round of NSSO Household Consumption Expenditure Survey (2011-12), taking into account 2011 population Census to arrive at the number of persons in each State/UT both in rural and urban areas.

The initiative is being implemented in the whole country including Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Bihar and Gujarat.

(e): The planned outlay of food subsidy to Jharkhand, Bihar and Gujarat for the year 2023, is likely to be approximately Rs. 5,960 crore, Rs.18,890 crore and Rs. 6,877 crore respectively.