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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4625
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

QUOTA IN FOOD SECURITY SCHEME

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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) whether there has been a reduction in the quantity of foodgrains provided under the food civil supplies security scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to continue the operation of the Covid period scheme to provide sufficient quantity of foodgrains to the BPL/ APL families under the food security scheme;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a)&(b): Coverage under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) is under two categories- Households covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and priority households (PHH). Under the Act, while AAY households are entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains per family per month, priority households are entitled to 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month. There is no reduction in the entitlement of quantity of foodgrains provided under the Act.

(c) to (e): To ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by COVID-19 Pandemic, Govt. of India had launched the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Under the scheme, 5 kg of additional food grains per person per, month was provided free of cost to around 80Crore NFSA beneficiaries. Phase VII of PMGKAY was in operation upto 31.12.2022.

The Central Government to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the Act, has decided to provide food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries under NFSA, for a period of one year beginning from 1st January 2023. As per Central Government decision, inter-alia two food subsidy schemes have been subsumed as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). Under this scheme Free foodgrain is being distributed through Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) from 1st January 2023.
