

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4703
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF 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 date on which the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was implemented along with the time by which it is likely to be continued in future;
- (b) the number of beneficiaries benefited and the quantum of foodgrains distributed under the scheme so far, State-wise;
- (c) the criteria laid down for people eligible under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and the rules framed in this regard;
- (d) the details of benefits provided and the quantum of foodgrains distributed under the PMGKAY, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government is aware that only 2 kg rice beneficiary being given in place of 5kg rice beneficiary by certain State Governments under the scheme; and
- (f) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

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

(a) to (d): The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) had been launched during the period April, 2020 to December, 2022 with the specific purpose of ameliorating the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Under this scheme, Central Government had allocated total of 1118 LMT foodgrains, over and above normal allocation done under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 (i.e. Antyodaya Anna Yojana and Priority Category Households) to all the States/UTs for free of cost distribution to about existing 80 crore beneficiaries as covered under NFSA. 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 NFSA, has decided to provide food grains free of cost to the beneficiaries under AAY households (@35 Kg of food grains per family per month) and PHH beneficiaries (@5Kg of food grains per person per month) covered under NFSA, 2013, for a period of one year, beginning from 1st Jan 2023 under PMGKAY subsuming two current food subsidy schemes of the Department of Food and Public Distribution- a) Food Subsidy to FCI for NFSA, and b) Food Subsidy for decentralized procurement states, dealing with procurement, allocation and delivery of free foodgrains to the states under NFSA.

The NFSA Act provides that the State Government shall, within the ceiling of beneficiaries determined for the State, identify the households to be covered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana to the extent specified by the Central Government, in accordance with the guidelines applicable to the said scheme and the remaining households as priority households to be covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System, in accordance with such guidelines evolved by the State Government itself. Thus, the criteria for identification of beneficiaries under Priority Households Category may vary from State to State. The actual number of beneficiaries keeps on changing based on addition/deletion of ration cards due to various reasons, as reported by States/UTs from time to time.

The State-wise details of the no. of beneficiaries covered under NFSA and foodgrains distributed under PMGKAY are placed at Annexure-I & Annexure-II.

(e) & (f): No such incidents have been reported. The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) [and PMGKAY too since the targeted beneficiaries were same] is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Governments. Central Govt is responsible for allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the FCI. The operational responsibilities for allocation of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them, distribution of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries rest with the concerned State/UT Govt.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No.4703 FOR ANSWER ON 29.03.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA

Statement indicating State-Wise number of Persons/families Covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 - As on 20.03.2023					
Sl. No.	States/ UTs	No. of families/persons identified under NFSA (in lakh)			
		AAY		Priority	Total persons
		No. of families	No. of person	No. of persons	
1	Andhra Pradesh	9.08	23.52	244.70	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.38	1.50	6.90	8.40
3	Assam	6.92	28.08	223.08	251.17
4	Bihar	25.01	125.05	746.11	871.16
5	Chattisgarh	7.19	20.42	180.35	200.77
6	Delhi	0.69	2.80	69.98	72.78
7	Goa	0.12	0.46	4.86	5.32
8	Gujarat	7.88	35.67	308.48	344.15
9	Haryana	2.68	11.35	115.14	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	1.82	7.67	20.98	28.64
11	Jharkhand	8.98	35.65	228.47	264.12
12	Karnataka	10.97	43.91	358.02	401.93
13	Kerala	5.96	25.59	129.21	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	14.76	57.06	454.26	511.32
15	Maharashtra	25.05	108.01	592.16	700.17
16	Manipur	0.64	1.82	18.26	20.08
17	Meghalaya	0.70	2.91	18.54	21.46
18	Mizoram	0.26	0.82	5.86	6.68
19	Nagaland	0.48	2.11	11.94	14.05
20	Odisha	12.53	37.81	287.22	325.03
21	Punjab	1.79	7.71	133.80	141.51
22	Rajasthan	6.29	22.29	417.72	440.01
23	Sikkim	0.17	0.57	3.24	3.81
24	Tamil Nadu	18.65	68.60	296.10	364.69
25	Telangana	5.67	15.29	176.33	191.62

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26	Tripura	1.08	4.64	19.68	24.32
27	Uttar Pradesh	40.92	132.80	1364.97	1497.77
28	Uttarakhand	1.84	7.92	54.02	61.94
29	West Bengal	16.42	54.99	546.85	601.84
30	A&N	0.04	0.14	0.46	0.61
31	DNH&DD	0.05	0.24	2.45	2.69
32	Lakshadweep	0.01	0.04	0.18	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	0.00	0.01	2.98	2.99
34	Puduchery (DBT)	0.25	0.82	5.52	6.34
35	J&K	2.33	10.61	61.80	72.41
36	Ladakh	0.06	0.29	1.15	1.44
Total		237.67	899.16	7111.80	8010.96

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S. No.	States/UTs	Total Allocation (in MTs)	Total Distribution (in MTs)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	8,513	8,068
2	Andhra Pradesh	3,755,142	2,849,587
3	Arunachal Pradesh	116,888	105,590
4	Assam	3,517,770	3,238,365
5	Bihar	12,186,294	10,982,177
6	Chandigarh	38,600	36,543
7	Chhattisgarh	2,810,780	2,748,784
8	Daman & Diu D&NN	40,459	36,672
9	Delhi	1,018,733	961,396
10	Goa	74,500	70,509
11	Gujarat	4,897,097	4,586,201
12	Haryana	1,770,860	1,613,846
13	Himachal Pradesh	401,016	376,823
14	Jammu And Kashmir	1,013,740	896,527
15	Jharkhand	3,694,095	3,262,639
16	Karnataka	5,627,020	5,358,838
17	Kerala	2,167,200	2,017,993
18	Ladakh	20,132	18,482
19	Lakshadweep	3,062	2,808
20	Madhya Pradesh	7,011,556	6,521,612
21	Maharashtra	9,802,344	8,467,281
22	Manipur	293,610	284,229

23	Meghalaya	300,384	283,136
24	Mizoram	93,548	92,199
25	Nagaland	196,644	176,887
26	Odisha	4,537,817	4,251,691
27	Puducherry	88,187	102,177
28	Punjab	1,980,940	1,896,021
29	Rajasthan	6,186,600	5,809,223
30	Sikkim	53,032	44,593
31	Tamil Nadu	5,076,292	4,360,488
32	Telangana	2,682,700	2,517,475
33	Tripura	347,492	335,166
34	Uttar Pradesh	20,612,804	18,299,665
35	Uttarakhand	867,187	797,004
36	West Bengal	8,425,732	8,103,158
		111,718,770	101,513,852
