

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2023**

FOODGRAINS RELEASED TO STATES

5453. SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB:

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

(a) the total quantity of foodgrains released to the States under the Public Distribution System (PDS) during last year and the current year, particularly in Odisha; and

(b) whether any new policy has been formulated for proper implementation of PDS in the country to make the system foolproof and if so, the details thereof?

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

(a) & (b): Details of offtake of foodgrains by States/UTs including Odisha, during 2021-22 and 2022-23 under National Food Security Act (NFSA)/ Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are as under:

Year	Total Quantity w.r.t. All States/UTs including Odisha (in LMT)	Total Quantity w.r.t. Odisha (in LMT)
2021-22	485.60	19.91
2022-23 (Upto Feb, 2023)	456.81	19.25

The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) 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.

This Department has approved a new scheme - "Scheme for Modernization and Reforms Through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART-PDS). The said initiative is for taking forward the modernization of public distribution system by employing new and emerging technologies and other Information & Communications Technology (ICT) tools to improve efficiency of public delivery enhance the reach to beneficiaries and timely delivery of the services in a more transparent manner.
