

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.939
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2023**

ASSISTANCE TO KARNATAKA UNDER NFSA

939. SHRI L.S. TEJASVI SURYA:

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

- (a) the assistance provided by the Central Government under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana and NFSA;**
- (b) the total amount of assistance provided to Karnataka since 2020 under the NFSA, PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, year-wise;**
- (c) the quantity of food grains provided under the two schemes for Karnataka, year-wise, since 2020 along with the total number of citizens benefited; and**
- (d) the source of the foodgrains for the Government to provide assistance to citizens under the two schemes and the total amount incurred by the Government in procuring the same, year-wise?**

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): In the wake of COVID-19 outbreak in the country in March 2020, the Department of Food and Public Distribution had started the distribution of 'additional' and 'free-of-cost' foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) to around 80 crore Priority Household (PHH) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) beneficiaries in the country under PMGKAY to ameliorate the food security hardships faced by the poor and needy due to unprecedented outbreak of the pandemic and lockdowns. Under PMGKAY, about 1,118 LMT foodgrains have been allocated with an earmarked total financial outlay of approximately Rs. 3.91 lakh crore from Phase-I to Phase-VII of the scheme. Now the Central Government is distributing free foodgrains to all NFSA beneficiaries, as per their entitlement, under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) from 1st Jan, 2023. Under the PMGKAY, the entire cost (100% central share) towards intra-State movement and handling of foodgrains and fair price shop dealers' margin is borne by the Central Government as per the provision of The Food Security (Assistance to State Governments) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time.

(b): The funds released to State Government of Karnataka during the financial year 2020-21 to 2023-24 under the scheme “Assistance to State Agencies for intra-State movement of foodgrains and FPS dealers’ margin under NFSA” is as below:

(Rs. In Crore)

Financial Year	NFSA	PMGKAY	Total
2020-21	23.30	61.09	84.39
2021-22	467.99	296.17	764.16
2022-23	148.70	206.19	354.89

(c): The State Government of Karnataka has identified beneficiaries upto the maximum permissible limit i.e. 401.93 lakh beneficiaries. Accordingly, the foodgrains are being allocated to the State Government for 401.93 lakh beneficiaries. The foodgrains allocated to State Government of Karnataka under NFSA and PMGKAY since 2020-21 is as under:

(In thousand tons)

Financial Year	Allocation of foodgrains under NFSA	Allocation of foodgrains under PMGKAY
2020-21	2608.801	1607.720
2021-22	2608.820	2210.615
2022-23	2608.836	1808.685

(d): The Central Government, for ensuring the regular supply of foodgrains to persons belonging to eligible households under the NFSA, allocate the required quantity of foodgrains to the State Governments from the central pool, under the Targeted Public Distribution System. The foodgrains stock in the central pool are procured by the Central Government and the State Governments through minimum support price operations.

Foodgrains are made available by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) to States/UTs, free of cost under NFSA, for which food subsidy is released to FCI. In the case of States participating in the Decentralized Procurement (DCP), under which State Government take responsibility of procurement of foodgrains and its distribution to the eligible households, the food subsidy is released directly to the State Governments. The details of food subsidy released to the Government of Karnataka since 2020-21 are as under:

Financial Year	Food Subsidy released (Rs. In crore)
2020-21	323.99
2021-22	1682.12
2022-23	2191.75
