

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

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.146
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2023**

INCLUSION OF MILLETS AND SEAFOOD IN PDS

***146. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has plans to diversify the offerings under the PDS to include more nutrientdense options like millets and seafood;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor**
- (c) whether the Government is taking measures to address the cost-effectiveness and consumer preferences under the scheme;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the details of grains distributed under the scheme, State and year-wise?**

**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. 146 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 13.12.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), foodgrains, free of cost, are being provided to States/UTs for distribution to around 80 crore beneficiaries through Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). The term "foodgrains" is defined as rice, wheat or coarse grains or any combination thereof conforming to such quality norms as may be determined, by order, by the Central Government from time to time. In addition to this, the State/UT Governments may formulate food or nutrition based plans or schemes providing for benefits higher than the benefits provided under PMGKAY.

Coarse grains/Millets are also allocated under PDS in lieu of equal quantity of wheat/rice (as requested by State) while ensuring that the overall quantity of rice, wheat and Coarse grains has to be within the upper ceiling fixed in respect of each State/UT.

Further, as per Guidelines for procurement, allocation, distribution and disposal of coarse grains, States are allowed to procure Jowar, Bajra, Maize, Barley & Ragi and six minor millets from farmers at MSP for central pool subject to the prior approval of Government of India, in consultation with FCI. The whole quantity is distributed under TPDS /OWS (Other welfare Schemes) in the State/UT.

(c) & (d): The PMGKAY was launched 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. In view of COVID crisis, the allocation of free foodgrains, under PMGKAY was in addition to regular allocation done. A total quantity of approx. 1118 LMT foodgrains had been allocated under PMGKAY (Phase I-VII) for the period of 28 months (i.e. between April, 2020 to December, 2022) with a total planned financial outlay was about Rs. 3.91 lakh crore.

The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the programme for support of the poor, had decided to provide food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries, beginning from 1st January 2023 under the PMGKAY.

Keeping in view welfare of the beneficiaries of PMGKAY in terms of accessibility, affordability and availability of food grains for the poor and to maintain uniformity across the States, the Government has decided to continue to provide free food grains to about 81.35 crore beneficiaries (i.e. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries) under the PMGKAY for a period of five years with effect from 1st January, 2024, with an estimated financial outlay of Rs.11.80 lakh crore totally to be borne by Central Government.

(e): The details of State-wise grains distributed by States/UTs, under PDS, for 2022-23 and 2023-24 are placed at Annexure.

Annexure-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (e) OF STARRED QUESTION
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The details of State-wise foodgrains distributed by States/UTs, under PDS,
for 2022-23 and 2023-24

State/UT	2022-23 (in MT)	2023-24 (in MT) (Apr-Oct'23)
Andaman & Nicobar Islands	6,665.98	2,483.46
Andhra Pradesh	2,202,376.42	1,014,246.95
Arunachal Pradesh	84,830.01	29,668.91
Assam	2,716,330.53	699,033.05
Bihar	8,496,219.19	3,044,871.17
Chandigarh	12,314.73	-
Chhattisgarh	2,216,046.66	782,086.23
Daman & Diu D&NN	27,273.48	9,659.93
Delhi	733,711.10	237,116.07
Goa	51,520.94	17,229.16
Gujarat	3,610,415.49	1,249,728.51
Haryana	1,266,939.58	447,744.23
Himachal Pradesh	305,731.41	105,304.93
Jammu And Kashmir	686,913.62	244,649.49
Jharkhand	2,612,858.69	881,029.19
Karnataka	4,203,308.80	1,457,827.09
Kerala	1,619,891.32	570,051.07
Ladakh	13,289.55	4,594.18
Lakshadweep	24,144.49	593.09
Madhya Pradesh	4,471,644.15	1,852,249.94
Maharashtra	5,438,248.26	2,367,896.74
Manipur	196,093.08	8,748.14
Meghalaya	749,176.04	76,095.52
Mizoram	63,745.76	26,749.28
Nagaland	321,287.40	42,268.72
Odisha	3,546,921.86	1,287,899.30
Puducherry	29,441.56	-
Punjab	1,669,490.01	505,907.02
Rajasthan	4,026,617.47	1,524,494.62
Sikkim	71,344.12	11,207.98
Tamil Nadu	5,468,233.35	1,360,987.76
Telangana	1,808,302.17	705,517.91
Tripura	1,190,607.21	93,486.66
Uttar Pradesh	16,048,118.79	5,512,459.31
Uttarakhand	519,212.22	214,547.24
West Bengal	5,415,229.63	2,245,682.44
