

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2761
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH DECEMBER, 2023**

BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGKAY

2761. SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:

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

the total planned financial allocation for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme and the number of beneficiaries provided with additional free-of-cost foodgrains under the PMGKAY scheme in the country State/district-wise?

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

The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (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 for around 80 crore beneficiaries. A total quantity of approx. 1118 LMT foodgrains had been allocated under PMGKAY (Phase I-VII) for the period of 28 months with a total planned financial outlay was about Rs. 3.91 lakh crore.

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, the Central Government 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.

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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.

The provision of free food grains under PMGKAY for five years with effect from 1st January 2024 reflects the long-term commitment and vision of the Government for addressing National food and nutrition security. Provision of free food grains shall mitigate any financial hardship of the affected strata of society in a sustainable manner and ensure long term pricing strategy with zero cost to the beneficiaries which is vital for effective penetration of the Public Distribution System.

Against the intended coverage of 81.35 crore persons, the about 80.48 crore beneficiaries are presently covered under the PMGKAY. A statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the PMGKAY is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2761 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING "BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGKAY".

Details of beneficiaries covered under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Accepted No. of persons under PMGKAY (in lakh)	Present coverage (In lakh) As on 14.12.2023
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.23	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.71	8.40
3	Assam	251.90	251.17
4	Bihar	871.16	871.16
5	Chhattisgarh	200.77	200.77
6	Delhi	72.78	72.78
7	Goa	5.32	5.32
8	Gujarat	382.84	351.60
9	Haryana	126.49	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	36.82	28.64
11	Jharkhand	264.25	264.19
12	Karnataka	401.93	401.93
13	Kerala	154.80	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	546.42	534.79
15	Maharashtra	700.17	700.17
16	Manipur	25.06	20.08
17	Meghalaya	21.46	21.46
18	Mizoram	7.06	6.83
19	Nagaland	14.79	14.05
20	Odisha	326.21	325.03

21	Punjab	141.51	141.51
22	Rajasthan	446.62	440.01
23	Sikkim	4.06	3.81
24	Tamil Nadu	364.70	364.12
25	Telangana	191.70	191.62
26	Tripura	25.02	24.43
27	Uttar Pradesh	1520.61	1503.77
28	Uttarakhand	61.94	61.94
29	West Bengal	601.84	601.84
30	A&N	0.63	0.61
31	DNH&DD	3.56	2.69
32	Lakshadweep	0.22	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	4.96	2.99
34	Puducherry (DBT)	6.34	6.34
35	J&K	72.69	72.41
36	Ladakh	1.44	1.44
Total		8135.01	8047.64
