

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1562
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11th FEBRUARY, 2020**

PDS ALLOCATION TO MAHARASHTRA

1562. DR. BHARATI PRAVIN PAWAR:

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

- (a) the names of the commodities and the quantum thereof received by Maharashtra through PDS from the Union Government during the last three years;**
- (b) the number of households along with the number of members who have received these commodities through PDS;**
- (c) the rates at which each household receives commodities through PDS along with the details of the commodities;**
- (d) whether the shopkeepers or agents of PDS receive their commission timely and if so, the details thereof during the last three years; and**
- (e) the details of the commodities which are provided by the Union Government to the State Government of Maharashtra through PDS?**

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) to (e): The commodities allocated by Government of India through Public Distribution System are foodgrains that include rice, wheat & nutri-cereals in addition to sugar and kerosene oil.

Department of Food & Public Distribution makes allocation of foodgrains to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in terms of National Food Security Act(NFSA), 2013. Under the Act eligible households, which comprise of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and priority households, are entitled to receive foodgrains @ Rs 1/2/3 per kg for nutri-cereals/wheat/rice respectively.

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Government of Maharashtra implemented NFSA, 2013 w.e.f February, 2014 onwards. On the basis of identification of beneficiaries reported by the State Government, foodgrains for 700.17 lakh beneficiaries which include 108.01 lakh beneficiaries covered under 25.05 lakh AAY households. The details of foodgrain distributed under PDS in respect in respect of Maharashtra during last three years is as under:

(figures in MT)

Commodity	Year	Allocation	Offtake
Rice	2016-17	2021100	1850765
	2017-18	2021100	1864673
	2018-19	2021100	1839410
	2019-20*	1515825	1286010
Wheat	2016-17	2584092	2387280
	2017-18	2584092	2385980
	2018-19	2584092	2208970
	2019-20*	1938069	1645697

***-upto the month of December, 2019**

A new dispensation for distribution of sugar under PDS was put in place after de-regulation of sugar sector w.e.f June, 2013, wherein States/UTs were required to procure sugar from open market through a transparent system for meeting their PDS requirement and the Central Government was to reimburse a fixed subsidy to the participating States/UTs @ Rs.18.50 per kg for the quantity of sugar so distributed by them; limited to their fixed quota for the targeted Below Poverty Line (BPL) population(Inclusive of poorest of poor person in the country i.e. AAY families) and all the population of North Eastern States/ Special Category States/ Hilly States and Island Territories. The annual quota of sugar of Maharashtra for distribution in PDS for BPL families was 176024 MT including festival quota. The Central Government has discontinued the instant sugar subsidy scheme and decided to continue it for AAY families with effect from June, 2017. The Central Government is reimbursing a fixed subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg @ 1 Kg per month per AAY family to participating States/UTs. The annual quota of sugar of Maharashtra for distribution in PDS for AAY families is 30064 MT.

The States/UTs are also allowed either to absorb the additional cost on account of handling, transportation and dealer's commission or pass it on to the consumer by adding it to the Retail Issue Price (RIP) of Rs. 13.50 per kg under PDS.

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Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas makes allocation of PDS Kerosene on quarterly basis to States/UTs including Maharashtra. The allocation of PDS Superior Kerosene Oil(SKO) to the State of Maharashtra during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity allocated in KL
2016-17	563640
2017-18	384696
2018-19	286680
2019-20	106528

Responsibility for distribution of foodgrains, sugar and kerosene within the State/UT rests with the concerned State/UT Government wherein the responsibilities of identification of beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them and proper distribution of foodgrains to the eligible beneficiaries through fair price shops (FPSs) rest with the concerned State/UT Government.

Government of India provides Central assistance to States/UTs for meeting expenditure incurred towards intra-State movement & handling of foodgrains and fair price shop dealers' margin as per the provisions of Food Security(Assistance to State Governments) Rules, 2015 notified under NFSA. The responsibility of margin to fair price shop dealers rest with the concerned State/UT.
