

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

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 311
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2021**

DIVERSION OF GOVERNMENT ALLOTTED RICE

311. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that rice allotted for the State of Meghalaya was diverted to a private ware house, if so, the action taken thereon;**
- (b) the quantity and amount of rice/wheat allotted for the Government of Meghalaya yearly for the last five years;**
- (c) the process and formula of calculations base for the allotment of rice and wheat to the State Government; and**
- (d) whether any enquiries are pending against any States regarding diversion of Rice and wheat for the last five years, if so, the details thereof?**

A N S W E R

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

(a): Of-late a report had appeared in the media (The Shillong Times) titled "Mysterious and non-mysterious silence" alleging seizure of one lakh bags of rice weighing 50 kg each by the Assam Police from a private godown in Chhaygoan, Boko meant for Meghalaya Social Welfare Department under the Wheat Based Nutrition Programme (WBNP), and as per the State Govt. of Meghalaya this matter does not relate to the Public Distribution System (PDS).

(b): The Department allocates foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) to all States/UTs, including Meghalaya, for distribution under various schemes i.e. National Food Security Act (NFSA), NFSA-Tide Over, PM-Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY), Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS) and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS). A statement showing scheme wise allotment during the last five years is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c): Under NFSA, the foodgrains are allocated to States/UTs according to number of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and number of Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries in the State/UT, basis the respective scale of issuance i.e. 35 Kg per AAY Household per month and 5 Kg per PHH beneficiary per month. Besides, some additional foodgrains as tide-over quota to some States for covering some additional population over and above NFSA coverage.

Further, for distribution of additional 5 Kg per person per month to all NFSA beneficiaries (over and above normal NFSA foodgrains) additional quota of foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) are allocated under separate PMGKAY scheme. And other scheme allocations as per the requirements of the State Govt.

(d): No sir.

Annexure-I**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.311 FOR ANSWER ON 20.07.2021 IN THE LOK SABHA.****Allocation of rice and Wheat to Maghalya from 2016-17 to 2020-21 under TPDS,OWS and Aditonal allocation(Flood, Festivals etc)****(In thousand tons)**

Year	Foodgrain						
		NFSA	Tideover	PMGKAY	ANBP	OWS	Total
2016-17	Rice	129.603	27.308			13.558	170.469
	Wheat	0.000	19.087			0.000	19.087
	Total	129.603	46.395			13.558	189.556
2017-18	Rice	129.603	17.766			13.021	160.390
	Wheat	0.000	28.630			0.000	28.630
	Total	129.603	46.396			13.021	189.020
2018-19	Rice	136.096	15.348			12.991	164.435
	Wheat	0.000	24.732			0.000	24.732
	Total	136.096	40.080			12.991	189.167
2019-20	Rice	140.732	13.619			16.005	170.356
	Wheat	0.000	21.947			0.000	21.947
	Total	140.732	35.566			16.005	192.303
2020-21	Rice	140.732	13.619	85.821	2.146	28.450	270.768
	Wheat	0.000	21.947	0.000	0.000	0.000	21.947
	Total	140.732	35.566	85.821	2.146	28.450	292.715
