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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 315 TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2021

ADDITIONAL FOOD GRAINS TO NFSA BENEFICIRIES

315. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

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

(a) whether the Government has decided to allocate additional food grains to beneficiaries of the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for another five months from July to November, 2021;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the additional foodgrain would entail a subsidy of Rs.64,031 crore, if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the total amount of food-grain to be distributed under the said initiative was estimated to be 204 lakh metric tonnes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): Yes Sir, additional allocation of food-grain of approx. 198.78 LMT has been made under Pradhan Mantri Garib kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for distribution to approx. 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries. The total financial implication for these five months i.e. July, 2021 to November, 2021 is estimated to be a maximum of Rs. 67266.44 Crore. The quantity of foodgrains, number of beneficiaries etc. may vary as per actual identification of beneficiaries done by States/UTs time to time during course of implementation of the Scheme.

(d) & (e): Yes Sir, It entails a quantity of approx 204 lakh metric tons as per maximum coverage of up to 81.35 Crore persons under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) as per 2011 Census.
