

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 344
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20TH JULY, 2021**

FOOD GRAINS FOR KERALA DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

344. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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 has distributed or allocated free food grains during the first and second wave of covid pandemic, especially for State of the Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and details of distributed items, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has received a proposal from Kerala State Government for additional allocation of food grains;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (e) whether the Government has instructed the State for release of food grains to the beneficiaries on the basis of income, 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) to (d): Yes Sir, Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), it was decided by the Govt. to provide additional allocation of food-grain (i.e. Rice, Wheat or combination of both) @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for all the beneficiaries (of all the States/UTs including Kerala) covered under Targetted Public Distribution System (Antyodaya Anna Yojna & Priority Households) including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for a period of 3 months i.e April-June, 2020 (PMGKAY-Phase-I). In this package, about 121 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) of food-grains were allotted to approximately 80.96 Crore NFSA beneficiaries entailing maximum financial implications of approximately Rs. 46061 Crore.

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Later on, extension of PMGKAY was done for a further period of 5 months i.e. up to November 2020 (PMGKAY-Phase-II). Accordingly, additional allocation of food-grain of approx. 201 LMT for these five months (i.e. July 2020 to November 2020) was made for distribution to approx. 80.43 Crore NFSA beneficiaries. The total financial implication for these five months was estimated to be maximum of Rs. 76062.11 Crore.

In view of the 2nd wave of Covid-19 Pandemic, Govt. of India decided to provide additional foodgrains, free of cost @ 5 Kg per person per month to all the beneficiaries covered under NFSA over and above NFSA foodgrains for two months i.e. May and June 2021 (PMGKAY-Phase-III). In this Phase, additional allocation of food-grain of approx. 79.39 LMT was made for distribution to around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries. The total financial implication for these two months was estimated to be maximum of Rs. 26602.52 Crore.

Further, the Govt of India has decided to continue the PMGKAY Scheme till November, 2021 (PMGKAY-Phase-IV). In this Phase, additional allocation of food-grain of approx. 198.78 LMT has been made 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 from time to time.

In respect of Kerala a quantity of approx. 11.61 LMT of foodgrains have been allocated under PMGKAY (Phase I-IV). Also, under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS) Govt of India had allocated a quantity of over 8 LMT of foodgrains to all the States/UTs, including approx 15,480 MT to Kerala.

A Statement of State-wise provisional allocation of foodgrains under PMGKAY-2020 (April-November, 2020) and PMGKAY-2021 (May-November, 2021) is placed at Annexure-I.

(e): No Sir

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 344 FOR ANSWER ON 20.07.2021 IN THE LOK SABHA

State-wise allocation of foodgrains under PMGKAY-2020 (April-November, 2020) and PMGKAY-2021 (May-November, 2021) [provisional]

(figures in MTs)

SN	States/UTs	Total Allocation under PMGKAY 2020 (April, 2020 to November, 2020)	Total Allocation under PMGKAY 2021(May, 2021 to November, 2021)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	2434.48	2130.17
2	Andhra Pradesh	1072920.00	938775.805
3	Arunachal Pradesh	32844.84	29412.005
4	Assam	1006116.96	878654.56
5	Bihar	3463588.53	3049071.935
6	Chandigarh	11112.95	9780.225
7	Chhattisgarh	803080.00	702695
8	Daman & Diu D&NH	11482.44	9434.94
9	Delhi	290932.96	254729.825
10	Goa	21279.76	18626.335
11	Gujarat	1530143.48	1195998.825
12	Haryana	505960.00	442715
13	Himachal Pradesh	114578.24	100255.96
14	Jammu And Kashmir	289101.03	253437.345
15	Jharkhand	1054800.92	922950.805
16	Karnataka	1607720.00	1406755
17	Kerala	619200.48	541800.42
18	Ladakh	5755.80	5036.29
19	Lakshadweep	880.00	765.305
20	Madhya Pradesh	2185680.00	1689043.93
21	Maharashtra	2800680.00	2450587.1
22	Manipur	98526.02	65105.565
23	Meghalaya	85820.68	75093.095
24	Mizoram	26728.60	23387.525
25	Nagaland	56187.48	49164.045
26	Odisha	1294384.64	1135157.415
27	Puducherry	25284.94	21910.495
28	Punjab	565800.00	495295.57
29	Rajasthan	1786480.00	1540043.575
30	Sikkim	15151.52	13257.58
31	Tamil Nadu	1429348.48	1276427.775
32	Telangana	766480.00	670676.65
33	Tripura	99788.02	87088.655
34	Uttar Pradesh	5915765.97	5151722.66
35	Uttarakhand	247786.85	216790
36	West Bengal	2407350.80	2106431.95
Total		32251176.85	27830209.34
