

**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 20<sup>TH</sup> 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)**

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(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

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