

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1ST DECEMBER, 2021

FREE OF COST FOOD

†647. SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

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 implementing any scheme for the distribution of free of cost food to lowincome group;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the said scheme is likely to be implemented in the country including Bundelkhand?

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 (c): Yes Sir, to ameliorate the hardships faced by poor due to economic disruption caused by Corona virus and to ensure that no poor family suffers on account of non-availability of foodgrain due to disruption during this pandemic, under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), Govt of India has made allocation of foodgrains @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for around 80 crore beneficiaries of all the 36 States/UTs (including Bundelkhand) covered under NFSA (Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) & Priority Households(PHH)) including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for a period of 8 months i.e April-November, 2020 and again similarly during the period May -November, 2021. This scheme has been extended for a further period of four months i.e. December, 2021 to March, 2022.
