

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1173
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH FEBRUARY, 2022**

PMGKY FOOD GRID

1173. SHRIMATI SUNITA DUGGAL:

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

- (a) whether the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) is the world's largest food programme undertaken during Covid-19 pandemic period;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of beneficiaries who were benefitted of it;**
- (c) whether the Ministry is planning to bring any scheme to make food grid for those who are not covered in Public Distribution System (PDS) to fight against malnutrition and hunger; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**A N S W E R
THE MINISTER OF STATE CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) & (b): The PMGKAY is a unique initiative. Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY), Govt of India has made allocation of additional foodgrains @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for around 80 crore beneficiaries of all the 36 States/UTs covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) (Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) & Priority Households(PHH)) including those covered under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for a total period of 19 months during the year 2020-21 and 2021-22. A total quantity of approx 759.87 LMT of free foodgrains has been allocated to all States/UT, during this period.

Allocations under the PMGKAY was done in addition to the normal allocations under the NFSA. The responsibility for identification of eligible beneficiaries under NFSA and distribution of foodgrains to them rests with the States/UTs

(c) & (d): NFSA Act, 2013 which is implemented all over the country provides for the maximum coverage of about 81.35 Crore eligible persons with the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH), who are amongst the poorest and eligible sections of the country. The inclusion of such beneficiaries under NFSA is done by identifying persons, who are presently out of NFSA, subject to coverage limit of every State/UT. All States/UTs have been advised to fully utilize the respective NFSA coverage limits by identifying and including eligible beneficiaries who are outside the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS). Further, to fight malnutrition, fortified Rice is being supplied under various welfare schemes in phases.
