

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND FEBRUARY, 2022**

BENEFICIARY OF PRADHAN MANTRI GARIB KALYAN YOJANA

167. SHRI RAMESH BIDHURI:

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

- (a) the total number of people benefited through Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps for making food grains accessible at reasonable prices especially to weaker sections of the society; and
- (c) 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): 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 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.

(b) & (c): The coverage limit under the NFSA is about 81.35 crore beneficiaries all over the country under AAY & PHH, who are amongst the poorest and eligible sections of the country. 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
