MS. LOCKET CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beneficiaries who received assistance through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY);

(b) the duration of implementation of this scheme along with the total amount spent; and

(c) whether the Government is willing to further continue this scheme and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (c) 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 further period of four months i.e. December, 2021 to March, 2022.

The financial implication under the above PMGKAY scheme i.e April-November, 2020 and May, 2021 to March, 2022 is estimated to be about Rs. 2.60 lakh Crores.

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