

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3300
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD MARCH, 2022**

PROBLEMS IN IMPLEMENTING PMGKAY

**3300. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:
SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:**

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

- (a) the details of assistance provided so far under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana;
- (b) the problems faced by the Government in the implementation of the scheme so far;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to further extend the scheme;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to reach individuals not covered under the scheme;
- (e) whether the scheme has contributed to reduction in malnutrition; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): 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 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 years 2020-21 and 2021-22 (Phase-I to V).

A total of approx 759 LMT foodgrains have been allocated to all the States/UTs during the above period with financial implication of about Rs. 2.60 lakh Crores.

(b): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Governments. The operational responsibility under TPDS (and PMGKAY also, as targeted beneficiaries are same) including identification of beneficiaries and distributing ration to them, lies with respective State/UT. No problems have been reported by States/UTs in the implementation of the scheme so far. So far nearly 94% successful distribution of foodgrains under PMGKAY (Phase-I-IV) (April 2020- November, 2021) has been reported.

(c): PMGKAY is already operating under the extended period since December, 2021 to March, 2022.

(d): All NFSA beneficiaries have been allocated free of cost foodgrains under PMGKAY.

(e) & (f): As per concurrent evaluation by monitoring institutions, there is nearly 98% satisfaction among beneficiaries in PMGKAY.
