

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.* 235
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

STEPS FOR ERADICATION OF POVERTY

*235 SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Government for poverty eradication;
- (b) the manner in which Free Ration Scheme for 80 crore people in the country is helpful in eradication of poverty; and
- (c) the details of the quantum of amount being spent in poverty eradication programmes annually?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *235 REGARDING “STEPS FOR ERADICATION OF POVERTY RAISED BY SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

- (a) Key interventions to reduce multidimensional poverty include schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY), PM Ujjwala Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY), PM-Jan Dhan Yojana, Skill India Mission, PM Mudra Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), Start Up India and Start Up Guarantee, Saubhagya, Swachh Bharat Mission, Ayushman Arogya Mandir, Direct Benefit Transfer etc.
- (b) Under the provisions of the National Food Security Act. (NFSA), food grains are provided to nearly 75% of the population in rural areas and 50% of the population in urban areas at affordable prices (Rs. 3/2/1 per kg for rice, wheat and coarse grains respectively) under the Targeted Public Distribution System. Subsequently during Covid-19, Government made several targeted interventions to mitigate the adverse impact of the pandemic on the lives and livelihoods of the people, particularly the vulnerable sections of the society through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, implemented since April 2020. This included provision of free foodgrains to about 81.35 crore beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

Further, in order to ensure food and nutrition security of people and mitigate their financial hardships, Government has decided to extend providing free foodgrains under PMGKAY for a period of five years with effect from 1st January, 2024.

- (c) The budget details are in public domain and can be found in the Union budget.
