

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2904
ANSWERED ON 08TH AUGUST, 2024

FORTIFIED RICE AND WHEAT SUPPLY

2904. SHRI SUKANTA KUMAR PANIGRAHI:

Will the Minister of *FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES* be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the quantity of foodgrains [Fortified Rice Kernels, rice and wheat] separately supplied during the last five years in the tribal and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts of Odisha;
- (b) whether there is any plan to increase the quantity of foodgrains in the aspirational districts and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether any timeline has been set by the Government in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
(SHRI RAVNEET SINGH)

(a) to (c) The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution has informed that Government of India had started distribution of Fortified Rice since Pilot Scheme (2019-2022). The initiative was scaled up in phased manner (2021-2024) and 100% coverage of distribution of fortified rice has been achieved by March, 2024. Total allocation of Wheat and Rice from the Central Pool to the State of Odisha under various central Government Schemes during last 5 years is as per **Annexure**

The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of Central and State/UT Govt. Central Govt. is responsible for allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of FCI. The operational responsibility for allocation of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them, distribution of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries rest with the concerned States/UT Govt.

States/UTs are being allocated around 46.235 LMT of food grains per month (approx. 554.83 LMT per annum). At present, against the coverage limit of 81.35 crore beneficiaries, States Government have identified 80.54 crore beneficiaries. Addition and deletion of beneficiaries by the States/UTs as per requirement, is a continuous process. On identification of remaining beneficiaries, allocation of food grains is routinely revised.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2904 FOR ANSWER ON 08.08.2024 REGARDING “FORTIFIED RICE AND WHEAT SUPPLY”

Allocation of Wheat and Rice from the Central Pool to the State of Odisha under various Central Government Schemes

(In thousand tons)

Year	Foodgrain	Total
2019-20	Rice	2181.850
	Wheat	355.480
	Total	2537.330
2020-21	Rice	3309.851
	Wheat	445.767
	Total	3755.618
2021-22	Rice	3713.888
	Wheat	587.447
	Total	4301.335
2022-23	Rice	3730.658
	Wheat	295.226
	Total	4025.884
2023-24	Rice	2531.385
	Wheat	57.321
	Total	2588.706
