

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.395  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2024

**FOOD SECURITY**

395 SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR ALIAS VIJAY VASANTH:

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to ensure food security to people of the country with free foodgrains every month;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of the fund allocations for food security of the Indian poor, State/UT-wise;
- (d) whether it is true that many of the States have not received their quota of foodgrains every month; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

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(a) to (c): The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the programme for support of the poor had decided to provide food grains free of cost to about 81.35 crore beneficiaries (i.e. Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries), beginning from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

The Government further decided to continue to provide free food grains under the PMGKAY for a period of five years with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, with an estimated financial outlay of Rs.11.80 lakh crore totally to be borne by Central Government.

(d) & (e): There is no such report from any State/UT.

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