

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4044
ANSWERED ON 19TH DECEMBER, 2024

QUANTITY OF FOODGRAINS

4044. DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO:

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

- (a) the details of the quantity of foodgrains such as Fortified Rice Kernels, rice and wheat separately supplied during the last five years in the tribal and Left Wing Extremism (LWE) districts of Maharashtra;
- (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). As per the information provided by Department of Food and Public Distribution under Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the Government of India has started distributing Fortified Rice since the Pilot Scheme (2019-2022). The initiative was scaled up in phased manner (2021-24) and 100% coverage of distribution of fortified rice has been achieved by March, 2024. This initiative has been extended upto December 2028. The total allocation of Wheat and Rice from the Central Pool to the State of Maharashtra 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 the Central and State/UT Govt. Central Govt. is responsible for allocation and transportation of food grains upto the designated depots of the FCI. The operational responsibilities for allocation of food grains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them, and distribution of food grains to eligible beneficiaries rest with the concerned State/UT Govt. The Central Government allocates food grains to States/UT Government. District-wise allocation is made by the concerned State/UT Government. States/UTs are being allocated around 46.253 LMT of food grains per month (approx. 555.04 LMT per annum). At present, against the coverage limit of 81.35 crore beneficiaries, State Governments have identified 80.67 crore beneficiaries. As and when requests are received from States/UTs for revision of foodgrains allocation under the Act on account of addition/deletion of new beneficiaries, within the ceiling of beneficiaries determined for that State/UT, the same are examined and revised allocation orders, are issued as per the extant policy.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) to (c) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4044 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2024 REGARDING “QUANTITY OF FOODGRAINS”

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

(In thousand tons)

Year	Foodgrain	Total
2019-20	Rice	2408.155
	Wheat	2836.930
	Total	5245.085
2020-21	Rice	4416.117
	Wheat	3903.160
	Total	8319.277
2021-22	Rice	4124.926
	Wheat	5026.399
	Total	9151.325
2022-23	Rice	5443.778
	Wheat	2905.104
	Total	8348.883
2023-24	Rice	3278.953
	Wheat	1852.259
	Total	5131.212
2024-25	Rice	3066.770
	Wheat	1891.482
	Total	4958.253
