

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3209  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGKAY**

†3209. SHRI ASHISH DUBEY:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the people have benefitted significantly through the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) during the last eight years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the total number of people benefitted under the said yojana in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh?

**A N S W E R**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) to (c): The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was launched with the specific purpose of ameliorating the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 outbreak in the country. Under the PMGKAY free of cost foodgrains @5 kg per person per month was distributed to 80 crore beneficiaries. The scheme was successfully implemented in seven phases (April 2020 to December 2022).

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, provided food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households and Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries, beginning from 1st January 2023 under the PMGKAY. The provision for distribution of free of cost foodgrains has been extended for further five years w.e.f 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.

A statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under PMGKAY is at Annexure.

(d): The number of beneficiaries covered under the Act for receiving foodgrains free of cost in Jabalpur district of Madhya Pradesh is 14,61,215.

**ANNEXURE**

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3209 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 19.03.2025 REGARDING “BENEFICIARIES UNDER PMGKAY”.**

Statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013

S.No	States/Uts	Accepted No. of persons under NFSA (in lakh)	Ceiling of AAY HH (in lakh)	Present Coverage (In lakh)				
				AAY		Priority	Total Persons	% of accepted persons
				No. of families	No. of Persons	No. of Persons		
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.23	9.09	9.08	23.52	244.70	268.22	100.00%
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.71	0.38	0.38	1.50	6.90	8.40	96.53%
3	Assam	251.90	7.04	6.73	21.70	226.29	247.98	98.45%
4	Bihar	871.16	25.01	25.01	125.05	746.11	871.16	100.00%
5	Chhattisgarh	200.77	7.19	7.19	20.42	180.35	200.77	100.00%
6	Delhi	72.78	1.57	0.69	2.78	70.00	72.78	100.00%
7	Goa	5.32	0.18	0.12	0.46	4.86	5.32	100.00%
8	Gujarat	382.85	8.13	7.77	36.10	329.74	365.84	95.56%
9	Haryana	126.49	3.03	2.68	11.35	115.14	126.49	100.00%
10	Himachal Pradesh	36.82	1.97	1.65	6.82	23.07	29.88	81.17%
11	Jharkhand	264.25	9.18	8.94	34.76	229.43	264.19	99.98%
12	Karnataka	401.93	12.00	10.97	43.91	358.02	401.93	100.00%
13	Kerala	154.80	5.96	5.96	25.59	129.21	154.80	100.00%
14	Madhya Pradesh	546.42	15.82	14.63	54.93	479.86	534.79	97.87%
15	Maharashtra	700.17	25.05	25.05	108.01	592.16	700.17	100.00%
16	Manipur	25.06	0.64	0.64	1.91	18.97	20.87	83.30%

17	Meghalaya	21.46	0.70	0.70	2.91	18.54	21.46	100.00%
18	Mizoram	7.06	0.26	0.26	0.64	6.41	7.05	99.83%
19	Nagaland	14.79	0.48	0.48	2.11	11.94	14.05	94.99%
20	Odisha	326.21	12.65	12.53	37.57	287.60	325.17	99.68%
21	Punjab	141.45	1.79	1.79	7.64	133.80	141.45	100.00%
22	Rajasthan	446.62	9.32	6.29	22.29	417.72	440.01	98.52%
23	Sikkim	4.07	0.17	0.17	0.57	3.24	3.81	93.78%
24	Tamil Nadu	364.69	18.65	18.64	65.78	298.34	364.12	99.84%
25	Telangana	191.70	6.49	5.67	15.95	175.74	191.70	100.00%
26	Tripura	25.02	1.13	1.09	4.62	19.81	24.43	97.65%
27	Uttar Pradesh	1520.59	40.95	40.90	132.91	1365.79	1498.70	98.56%
28	Uttarakhand	61.94	1.91	1.84	7.92	54.02	61.94	100.00%
29	West Bengal	601.84	19.86	16.42	54.99	546.85	601.84	100.00%
30	A&N	0.63	0.11	0.04	0.14	0.46	0.61	96.21%
31	DNH&DD	3.56	0.08	0.05	0.24	2.45	2.69	75.60%
32	Lakshadweep	0.22	0.01	0.01	0.04	0.18	0.22	99.72%
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	4.96	0.09	0.00	0.01	2.98	2.99	60.29%
34	Puduchery (DBT)	6.34	0.32	0.25	0.82	5.52	6.34	99.92%
35	J&K	72.69	2.76	2.33	10.61	61.80	72.41	99.61%
36	Ladakh	1.44	0.06	0.06	0.29	1.15	1.44	99.99%
<b>Total</b>		<b>8134.91</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>237.00</b>	<b>886.85</b>	<b>7169.17</b>	<b>8056.02</b>	<b>99.03%</b>

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