

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2825
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

FREE FOODGRAIN DISTRIBUTION

2825. SHRI ARUN GOVIL:

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

- (a): whether the free foodgrain distribution to poor people in the country has been able to control inflation in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b): whether the Government has received any information about misuse of the free foodgrain distribution and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c): the countries to which free foodgrain have been provided in addition to poor people

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a): Government is implementing Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) which aims to supplement the food requirements of upto 75% of the rural and 50% of the urban population.

Year –on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) for the month of June, 2025 over June 2024 is (-) 1.06% (Provisional). The food inflation in June 2025 is the lowest since January 2019.

(b): No, there is no such information.

(c): The year-wise list of countries to which free foodgrains have provided from central pool on humanitarian ground during the last five years are provided in **Annexure-1**.

Annexure-1

Table: List of the countries to which free food grains were provided from central pool on humanitarian ground during last five years.

Sl. No	Year	Export Destination	Exported	
			Wheat (Qty in MT)	Rice (Qty in MT)
1.	2019-20	DPR Korea	1,584	-
		Madagascar	-	600
2.	2020-21	Afghanistan	75,000	-
		Madagascar	-	1,000
		Comoros	-	1,000
3.	2021-22	Timor Leste	-	2,000
		Afghanistan	39,717	-
		Mozambique	-	500