

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 41
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2025

ASSESSMENT OF PDS OPERATIONS

***41. SHRI NABA CHARAN MAJHI:**
SMT. ROOPKUMARI CHOUDHARY:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any assessment regarding the operation of the Public Distribution System (PDS) in aspirational districts of the country, State and district-wise particularly in Sirohi district of Rajasthan, North-East India and various districts of Uttar Pradesh including Baghpat Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) if so, the objectives and key findings of the said assessment along with the list of aspirational districts of Bihar;
- (c) whether the Government has identified specific areas for improvement related to procurement, storage, distribution or grievance redressal under the PDS in the country, State and district-wise particularly in Chhattisgarh State and Tribal dominated districts State and district-wise like Palghar in Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details thereof particularly in respect of various districts of Uttar Pradesh including Baghpat Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (e) the efforts being made to connect other eligible persons to the said scheme;
- (f) the key findings and corrective actions of any assessment, survey or review conducted by the Central or State Governments regarding the operation of the PDS, availability of food grains, offtake/lifting, distribution, transparency, Aadhaar/e-PoS authentication and efficiency of the grievance redressal mechanism in the country particularly aspirational districts of Chhattisgarh;
- (g) the details of the quantity of various grains distributed by the Government through the PDS during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise particularly in respect of Himachal Pradesh; and
- (h) the details of beneficiaries receiving various grains through the PDS particularly in respect of Himachal Pradesh, grain-wise, year-wise and State-wise?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTRY OF
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(a) to (h): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (h) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 41* (1ST POSITION) FOR ANSWER ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2025 REGARDING 'ASSESSMENT OF PDS OPERATIONS'

(a) and (b): The Department undertook an exercise to assess the functioning of PDS operations and implementation of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) across all 112 Aspirational Districts between June-August 2025. The objectives of the exercise were to assess the i) functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPS), ii) review procurement centre operations, iii) evaluate the infrastructure and efficiency of depots under the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Warehousing Corporation (CWC), iv) gather feedback from beneficiaries under PMGKAY and v) address grievances raised through CPGRAMS in these districts. In total, the exercise covered 113 Procurement Centres, 277 Fair Price Shops, 108 depots and interactions with 458 PMGKAY beneficiaries. The list of districts covered in the exercise including in the States of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, North-eastern states and Bihar is at **Annexure- I**.

(c) to (f): Based on the assessment undertaken across all 112 Aspirational Districts, the Government has identified specific areas where further strengthening of procurement, storage, distribution, and grievance-redressal mechanisms would enhance overall efficiency of the Public Distribution System.

In procurement operations, the exercise found that the majority of procurement centres were functioning effectively, however certain centres would benefit from upgraded infrastructural facilities and ensuring timely payments for MSP to farmers.

In storage, while FCI and CWC depots largely met prescribed parameters, opportunities were noted for improving infrastructure, training on scientific storage practices for FCI and CWC officials and creating a self-assessment tool for State storage depots similar to the Depot Darpan portal.

In distribution, Fair Price Shops generally functioned satisfactorily and beneficiaries reported high levels of satisfaction with e-PoS based delivery; however, in a small number of cases, connectivity issues and device failures led to delays or multiple visits. The exercise identified scope to enhance beneficiary awareness on PMGKAY, fortified rice, and portability; provide e-receipts to beneficiaries ensure timely payment of commission to FPS dealers and ensure minimum facilities at FPSs.

In grievance-redressal, the assessment highlighted the need for more integrated grievance channels, improved functioning of Vigilance Committees and State Food Commissions and introduce AI- based solutions to gather feedback from beneficiaries.

(g): A statement with the details of the quantity of various grains distributed by the Government through the PDS during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise is at **Annexure- II**.

(h): A statement with the details of beneficiaries receiving various grains through the PDS grain-wise, year-wise and State-wise is at **Annexure- III**.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) and (b) OF STARRED QUESTION No. 41* FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA**List of Aspirational Districts covered state-wise:**

Sr. No.	State	District
1	Andhra Pradesh	Vizianagaram
2	Andhra Pradesh	Visakhapatnam
3	Andhra Pradesh	Y.S.R. Kadapa
4	Arunachal Pradesh	Namsai
5	Assam	Goalpara
6	Assam	Barpeta
7	Assam	Hailakandi
8	Assam	Baksa
9	Assam	Darrang
10	Assam	Udalguri
11	Assam	Dhubri
12	Bihar	Sitamarhi
13	Bihar	Araria
14	Bihar	Purnia
15	Bihar	Katihar
16	Bihar	Muzaffarpur
17	Bihar	Begusarai
18	Bihar	Khagaria
19	Bihar	Banka
20	Bihar	Sheikhpura
21	Bihar	Aurangabad
22	Bihar	Gaya
23	Bihar	Nawada
24	Bihar	Jamui
25	Chhattisgarh	Korba
26	Chhattisgarh	Rajnandgaon
27	Chhattisgarh	Mahasamund
28	Chhattisgarh	Kanker
29	Chhattisgarh	Narayanpur
30	Chhattisgarh	Dantewada
31	Chhattisgarh	Bijapur
32	Chhattisgarh	Bastar
33	Chhattisgarh	Kondagaon
34	Chhattisgarh	Sukma
35	Gujarat	Dahod
36	Gujarat	Narmada
37	Haryana	Nuh (Mewat)
38	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba
39	Jammu & Kashmir	Baramulla

40	Jammu & Kashmir	Kupwara
41	Jharkhand	Bokaro
42	Jharkhand	Chatra
43	Jharkhand	Dumka
44	Jharkhand	East Singhbhum
45	Jharkhand	Garhwa
46	Jharkhand	Giridih
47	Jharkhand	Godda
48	Jharkhand	Gumla
49	Jharkhand	Hazaribagh
50	Jharkhand	Latehar
51	Jharkhand	Lohardaga
52	Jharkhand	Pakur
53	Jharkhand	Palamu
54	Jharkhand	Ranchi
55	Jharkhand	Sahibganj
56	Jharkhand	Simdega
57	Jharkhand	West Singhbhum
58	Jharkhand	Khunti
59	Jharkhand	Ramgarh
60	Karnataka	Yadgir
61	Karnataka	Raichur
62	Kerala	Wayanad
63	Madhya Pradesh	Barwani
64	Madhya Pradesh	Chhatarpur
65	Madhya Pradesh	Damoh
66	Madhya Pradesh	East Nimar (Khandwa)
67	Madhya Pradesh	Guna
68	Madhya Pradesh	Rajgarh
69	Madhya Pradesh	Vidisha
70	Madhya Pradesh	Singrauli
71	Maharashtra	Gadchiroli
72	Maharashtra	Washim
73	Maharashtra	Nandurbar
74	Maharashtra	Osmanabad
75	Manipur	Chandel
76	Meghalaya	Ri Bhoi
77	Mizoram	Mamit
78	Nagaland	Kiphire
79	Odisha	Balangir
80	Odisha	Dhenkanal
81	Odisha	Gajapati
82	Odisha	Kalahandi
83	Odisha	Kandhamal
84	Odisha	Koraput
85	Odisha	Malkangiri
86	Odisha	Nabarangapur
87	Odisha	Nuapada
88	Odisha	Rayagada
89	Punjab	Ferozepur

90	Punjab	Moga
91	Rajasthan	Baran
92	Rajasthan	Dholpur
93	Rajasthan	Jaisalmer
94	Rajasthan	Karauli
95	Rajasthan	Sirohi
96	Sikkim	Gyalshing (West Sikkim)
97	Tamil Nadu	Ramanathapuram
98	Tamil Nadu	Virudhunagar
99	Telangana	Jayashankar Bhoopalapally
100	Telangana	KumuramBheen Asifabad
101	Telangana	Bhadradi Kothagudem
102	Tripura	Dhalai
103	Uttar Pradesh	Bahraich
104	Uttar Pradesh	Balrampur
105	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli
106	Uttar Pradesh	Chitrakoot
107	Uttar Pradesh	Fatehpur
108	Uttar Pradesh	Shravasti
109	Uttar Pradesh	Siddharthnagar
110	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra
111	Uttarakhand	Udham Singh Nagar
112	Uttarakhand	Haridwar

Annexure-II**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (g) OF STARRED QUESTION No. 41* FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2025
IN THE LOK SABHA****State-wise, Year wise Distribution of foodgrains (in MT)**

State/UT	2023				2024				2025 till date			
	Wheat	Rice	Coarse grains	Total	Wheat	Rice	Coarse grains	Total	Wheat	Rice	Coarse grains	Total
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	534	3,697	-	4,231	535	3,701	-	4,236	437	3,024	-	3,461
ANDHRA PRADESH	2,727	17,17,331	17,005	17,37,063	-	17,15,489	27,278	17,42,767	-	14,39,633	18,865	14,58,497
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	50,190	-	50,190	-	51,783	-	51,783	-	42,442	-	42,442
ASSAM	-	11,99,564	-	11,99,564	-	14,90,491	-	14,90,491	-	13,25,586	-	13,25,586
BIHAR	10,41,220	41,73,458	-	52,14,677	10,87,100	39,41,498	-	50,28,598	9,98,939	31,88,017	-	41,86,955
CHHATTISGARH	-	13,38,063	-	13,38,063	-	13,41,737	-	13,41,737	45	11,22,263	-	11,22,308
DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	1,488	14,393	-	15,881	1,573	15,236	-	16,810	1,303	12,600	-	13,903
DELHI	2,85,196	1,88,276	-	4,73,472	3,17,261	2,11,136	-	5,28,397	2,69,269	1,79,034	-	4,48,302
GOA	0	29,690	-	29,690	0	29,193	-	29,193	0	23,705	-	23,705
GUJARAT	9,12,015	11,66,874	56,788	21,35,677	9,55,869	10,83,571	1,51,579	21,91,020	8,19,117	8,26,608	89,140	17,34,865
HARYANA	7,28,445	-	41,037	7,69,482	7,01,301	-	3,44,817	10,46,118	6,67,010	-	2,17,422	8,84,432

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	6,37,593	-	-	6,37,593	8,77,366	-	-	8,77,366	6,57,068	-	-	6,57,068
RAJASTHAN	26,07,589	-	-	26,07,589	25,65,551	-	-	25,65,551	20,76,672	-	-	20,76,672
SIKKIM	-	17,577	-	17,577	-	19,770	-	19,770	-	14,125	-	14,125
TAMIL NADU	53,826	23,12,809	4,307	23,70,942	61,511	22,74,984	2,837	23,39,331	56,089	18,90,091	2,373	19,48,553
TELANGANA	-	12,07,709	-	12,07,709	-	12,25,778	-	12,25,778	0	10,46,500	-	10,46,500
TRIPURA	-	1,60,174	-	1,60,174	-	1,61,241	-	1,61,241	-	1,32,463	-	1,32,463
UTTAR PRADESH	37,96,600	56,48,851	3,342	94,48,792	37,01,339	53,51,166	3,71,394	94,23,899	31,39,278	42,91,460	1,64,280	75,95,019
UTTARAKHAND	1,25,397	2,00,901	-	3,26,298	1,41,027	2,29,360	0	3,70,387	1,16,278	1,86,940	2,461	3,05,679
WEST BENGAL	15,40,228	23,10,641	-	38,50,869	15,51,516	23,28,144	-	38,79,660	12,99,814	19,50,501	-	32,50,315
Grand Total	1,51,40,525	3,33,40,829	5,55,077	4,90,36,431	1,57,33,126	3,29,78,337	13,60,473	5,00,71,936	1,33,98,186	2,69,22,745	10,37,991	4,13,58,922

Note: Distribution data for year 2025 is till Oct 2025 & Manipur state is not reporting distribution data from May, 2023

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (h) OF STARRED QUESTION No.
41* FOR ANSWER ON 03.12.2025 IN THE LOK SABHA**

State wise and Year Wise PMGKAY Beneficiaries:

S.No.	State Name	2023	2024	2025 (as on date)
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	61,660	59,374	61,275
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	2,68,97,569	2,68,30,680	2,68,23,200
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	8,83,237	8,83,191	8,83,172
4	ASSAM	2,29,02,389	2,31,58,866	2,47,94,442
5	BIHAR	8,78,80,314	8,38,00,818	8,56,28,689
6	CHANDIGARH	3,23,354	3,55,674	3,55,348
7	CHHATTISGARH	2,00,00,746	1,99,21,016	1,98,78,551
8	DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	2,68,463	2,72,704	2,65,135
9	DELHI	72,81,586	72,77,742	72,77,810
10	GOA	4,85,754	4,79,079	4,75,594
11	GUJARAT	3,72,50,062	3,83,90,798	3,48,83,971
12	HARYANA	1,78,66,188	2,01,17,555	1,58,88,826
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	53,16,749	29,16,512	28,50,806
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	66,47,484	66,53,230	67,35,202
15	JHARKHAND	2,64,85,330	2,63,99,419	2,51,94,252
16	KARNATAKA	4,04,21,534	4,01,93,000	4,01,93,208
17	KERALA	1,52,26,706	1,50,61,242	1,47,61,132
18	LADAKH	1,24,885	1,23,239	1,14,543
19	LAKSHADWEEP	23,456	23,787	23,720
20	MADHYA PRADESH	5,26,52,028	5,54,18,818	5,34,00,925
21	MAHARASHTRA	6,65,71,685	6,84,32,163	6,84,18,145
22	MANIPUR	20,52,296	20,92,507	21,11,328
23	MEGHALAYA	21,14,904	21,16,248	21,16,184
24	MIZORAM	6,96,507	6,96,396	7,07,336
25	NAGALAND	11,64,722	12,24,649	11,62,808
26	ODISHA	3,25,02,104	3,23,92,303	2,34,79,616
27	PUDUCHERRY	6,84,590	6,99,046	7,01,070
28	PUNJAB	1,46,43,697	1,59,45,516	1,53,58,402

29	RAJASTHAN	4,37,84,306	4,36,96,914	4,44,53,189
30	SIKKIM	3,81,502	3,83,502	3,77,248
31	TAMIL NADU	3,65,07,636	3,60,35,078	3,65,19,481
32	TELANGANA	1,91,75,502	1,92,27,039	1,91,99,575
33	TRIPURA	24,42,730	24,35,165	23,47,440
34	UTTARAKHAND	60,73,150	60,79,177	60,53,441
35	UTTAR PRADESH	15,04,20,384	14,87,91,087	14,71,83,826
36	WEST BENGAL	5,99,62,436	6,02,04,951	5,99,12,883
Total		80,81,79,668	80,87,90,509	79,05,93,798
