

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1915
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026

INCLUSION OF MILLETS AND COARSE GRAINS IN THE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1915. DR. BYREDDY SHABARI:

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

- (a): whether the Government is aware that the High-Level Committee on Reorienting the Role and Restructuring of the Food Corporation of India (Shanta Kumar Committee) recommended moving beyond the rice and wheat-centric Public Distribution System (PDS) to include millets and other nutritious coarse grains;
- (b): if so, the steps taken by the Government to implement these recommendations including procurement, storage and distribution of millets and coarse grains through the PDS;
- (c): the details of millets and coarse grains currently being procured and distributed under the PDS during the last five years, State/UT-wise;
- (d): the constraints, if any, in scaling up the inclusion of millets and coarse grains under the National Food Security Act; and
- (e): whether the Government proposes to further diversify the PDS basket to improve nutritional outcomes and promote climate-resilient agriculture and if so, the details thereof?

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(a) and (b): A High Level Committee under the chairmanship of Shri Shanta Kumar was constituted for Re-orienting the Role and Re-structuring of Food Corporation of India.

Procurement of coarse grains is regulated by guidelines dated 07.12.2021/28.03.2022/08.09.2023 for allocation, distribution, and disposal of coarse grains (Jowar, Bajra, Maize & Ragi) and 6 minor millets procured by the States/FCI. Under these guidelines, States are allowed to procure these commodities in Decentralized Procurement mode from farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP) for distribution under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)/Other Welfare Schemes(OWS).

(c): The State-wise and year wise details of quantity of coarse grains procured during last 5 years is enclosed at **Annexure I**.

The State-wise coarse grains distributed under PDS during the last five years is enclosed at **Annexure II.**

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Government has already diversified the PDS basket by including climate-resilient coarsegrains i.e. (Jowar, Bajra, Ragi and Maize) and 6 minor millets: Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun), Proso Millet (Cheena), Kodo Millet (Kodo), little millet (Kutki), Buck-wheat (kuttu) and Ameranthus (Chaulai).

STATEMENT SHOWING PROCUREMENT OF COARSEGRAINS

Annexure-I
Fig in Metric Tons

KMS	COMMODITY	Andhra Pradesh	Gujarat	Haryana	Karnataka	Madhya Pradesh	Maharashtra	Uttar Pradesh	Odisha	Uttarakhand	Tamil Nadu	Total Procurement (MT)	MSP (Rs./qtl)	MSP Value (in crore)	
2020-21	JOWAR	-	-	0	80722	29582	17784	0	-	-	-	128088	2620	335.59	
	JOWAR(Rabi)	-	-	0	0	0	18384	0	-	-	-	18384	2620	48.17	
	BAJRA	-	11515	150000	0	195351	5005	0	-	-	-	361871	2150	778.02	
	MAIZE	-	4133	-	0	0	88283	106413	-	-	-	198829	1850	367.83	
	MAIZE(Rabi)	-	-	-	0	0	6486	0	-	-	-	6486	1850	12.00	
	RAGI	-	-	-	474098	0	0	0	20252	-	-	-	494350	3295	1628.88
	Total	-	15648	150000	554820	224933	135942	106413	20252	-	-	-	1208008		0.00
2021-22	JOWAR	-	-	-	103920	32393	20262	0	-	-	-	156575	2738	428.70	
	JOWAR(Rabi)	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	2738	0.00	
	BAJRA	-	7284	-	0	5400	567	0	-	-	-	13251	2250	29.81	
	MAIZE	-	389	-	0	0	19615	2763	-	-	-	22767	1870	42.57	
	MAIZE(Rabi)	-	-	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	0	1870	0.00	
	RAGI	-	-	-	404784	0	253	0	32302	-	-	-	437339	3377	1476.89
	Total	-	7673	-	508703	37793	40697	2763	32302	-	-	-	629931		0.00
2022-23	JOWAR	-	0	-	76897	258	1378	0	-	-	-	78533	2970	233.24	
	JOWAR(Rabi)	3621	685	-	0	0	2358	0	-	-	-	6664	2970	19.79	
	BAJRA	-	766	81147	0	0	10	43437	-	-	-	125360	2350	294.60	
	BAJRA(Rabi)	-	56645	-	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	56645	2350	133.12	
	MAIZE	-	0	-	0	0	48	0	-	-	-	48	1962	0.10	
	MAIZE(Rabi)	-	197	-	0	0	12877	0	-	-	-	13074	1962	25.65	
	RAGI	4	0	-	454404	0	636	0	-	1186	515	456745	3578	1634.23	
	Total	3625	58293	81147	531301	258	17308	43437	-	1186	515	737069		0.00	
2023-24	JOWAR	24466			85402		462	13340				123670	3180	393.27	
	JOWAR(Rabi)	4903	2946		105019		86624.9					199493	3180	634.39	
	BAJRA		33359	231334				355038				619731	2500	1549.33	
	BAJRA(Rabi)		76726.5									76726	2500	191.82	
	MAIZE						25	4451				4476	2090	9.35	
	MAIZE(Rabi)						56					56	2090	0.12	
	RAGI	376	0.75		226576		189	0.7		1889	1889	230920	3846	888.12	
	Total	29745	113032	231334	416997		87357	372830		1889	1889	1255073		0.00	
2024-25	JOWAR		27		115352	908	937	46942				164166	3371	553.40	
	JOWAR(Rabi)	35402	5300		78676		131311					250689	3371	845.07	
	BAJRA		3818	156000				101311				261129	2625	685.46	
	BAJRA(Rabi)		82223									82223	2625	215.84	
	MAIZE						1					1	2225	0.00	
	MAIZE(Rabi)		118				51	19312				19481	2225	43.35	
	RAGI	205	5		346079		233		40000	3139	4050	393711	4290	1689.02	
	RAGI (Rabi)	902										902	4290	3.87	
Total	36509	91491	156000	540107	908	132533	167565	40000	3139	4050	1172302		0.00		
2025-26*	JOWAR					379	1112	43562				45053	3699	166.65	
	JOWAR(Rabi)											0	3699	0.00	
	BAJRA		13546	233				213973				227752	2775	632.01	
	BAJRA(Rabi)											0	2775	0.00	
	MAIZE		515				17677	13209				31401	2400	75.36	
	MAIZE(Rabi)											0	2400	0.00	
	RAGI			10						4272	966	5248	4886	25.64	
	RAGI (Rabi)											0	4886	0.00	
Total	0	14071	233	0	379	18789	270744	0	4272	966	309454		0.00		

*2025-26 procurement is still going on (procurement till 29.01.2026)

Coarse Grain Distribution in Last 5 years (MT)				Annexure II		
State Name	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026*
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANDHRA PRADESH	0	0	17005	27278	28005	6663
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASSAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIHAR	0	0	0	0	0	0
CHHATTISGARH	0	0	0	0	0	0
DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	0	0	0	0	0	0
DELHI	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOA	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUJARAT	0	7835	56788	151579	91429	25
HARYANA	95162	59977	41037	344817	217422	0
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0	0	0	0	0	0
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	0	0	0	0	0	0
JHARKHAND	0	0	0	0	0	0
KARNATAKA	515858	474203	412564	401286	546204	2684
KERALA	0	0	487	16	0	0
LADAKH	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAKSHADWEEP	0	0	0	0	0	0
MADHYA PRADESH	197028	28856	2814	0	840	0
MAHARASHTRA	62699	30968	16732	61265	143109	11024
MANIPUR	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEGHALAYA	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIZORAM	0	0	0	0	0	0
NAGALAND	0	0	0	0	0	0
ODISHA	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUDUCHERRY	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUNJAB	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAJASTHAN	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIKKIM	0	0	0	0	0	0
TAMIL NADU	0	0	4307	2837	2585	18
TELANGANA	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRIPURA	0	0	0	0	0	0
UTTAR PRADESH	98492	2634	3342	371394	167490	0
UTTARAKHAND	0	0	0	0	2461	0
WEST BENGAL		0	0	0	0	0

* as on 31.01.2026