

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2026

CATEGORY-WISE ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS UNDER PDS

1927. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a): the details of category-wise allocation of foodgrains under the Public Distribution System (PDS) in West Bengal, particularly for the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur;
- (b): the total annual allocation of rice, wheat and other foodgrains to said districts since 2019, district-wise;
- (c): the details of beneficiaries in said districts, category-wise Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY), Priority Households (PHH), Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), etc. since 2019; and
- (d): the steps taken by the Government to ensure timely lifting, transportation and distribution of the allocated foodgrains to the targeted beneficiaries in the hilly regions of Darjeeling and Kalimpong districts?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b): Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) makes State-wise monthly allocation of foodgrains to all States including West Bengal. The concerned State Government makes the district-wise allocation. Details of allocation of food grains (wheat & rice) under Public Distribution System (PDS) in districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, and North Dinajpur since 2019 is placed at Annexure-I.

(c): Details of beneficiaries in these districts, category-wise, since 2023 are placed at Annexure-II.

(d): To ensure timely availability of foodgrains in hilly, remote and difficult areas, monthly allocations are made well in advance and movement plans are drawn up in consultation with the States/UTs. As per extant guidelines, lifting is required to be completed in the month preceding the month of distribution, enabling States/UTs to plan transportation and distribution efficiently. Keeping in view adverse weather conditions and limited accessibility in such regions, States/UTs are also permitted to lift foodgrains in advance for a period of up to six months to avoid disruption during periods of inaccessibility.

ANNEXURE-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.02.2026 IN THE LOK SABHA

REVENUE DISTRICT: North Dinajpur (Fig. in Quintal)							
Commodity- WHEAT				Commodity- RICE			
Scheme Name	NFSA/PMGKAY		WHEAT TOTAL	NFSA/PMGKAY		OWS	RICE TOTAL
Year	PHH	AAY		PHH	AAY		
2019-20	784436.29	70975.82	855412.11	0.00*	0.00*	142382.49	142382.49
2020-21**	1119721.81	85635.74	1205357.55	546013.73	21987.68	173785.55	741786.96
2021-22**	1521646.75	98425.23	1620071.98	444250.38	18158.24	84918.94	547327.56
2022-23	757968.53	43393.41	801361.94	622688.54	17123.05	0.00	639811.59
2023-24	518026.28	34226.40	552252.68	197421.89	12602.33	88981.80	299006.02
2024-25	534755.34	36467.41	571222.76	0.00*	0.00*	184297.50	184297.50
2025-26	492340.41	37910.42	530250.83	0.00*	0.00*	138457.60	138457.60
TOTAL	5728895.40	407034.44	6135929.84	1810374.54	69871.30	812823.88	2693069.73
REVENUE DISTRICT: Darjeeling (Fig. in Quintal)							
2019-20	204576.67	433464.93	638041.61	0.00*	0.00*	11279.77	11279.77
2020-21**	182038.11	355364.75	537402.86	157088.68	0.00*	6946.18	164034.87
2021-22**	340815.44	314639.82	655455.26	66809.41	91610.27	777.24	159196.92
2022-23	75101.64	137786.01	212887.65	86634.58	0.00*	0.00	86634.58
2023-24	74485.57	221411.51	295897.08	48063.81	50408.90	20446.19	118918.90
2024-25	79710.38	238282.27	317992.65	16283.45	0.00*	108915.10	125198.55
2025-26	71681.92	202728.83	274410.75	0.00*	0.00*	56715.14	56715.14
TOTAL	1028409.71	1903678.13	2932087.85	374879.93	142019.17	205079.62	721978.73
REVENUE DISTRICT: Kalimpong (Fig. in Quintal)							
2019-20	0.00	41520.81	41520.81	0.00*	0.00*	2982.60	2982.60
2020-21**	0.00	80755.58	80755.58	0.00*	28164.44	593.53	28757.97
2021-22**	0.00	133818.81	133818.81	0.00*	28350.56	123.56	28474.12
2022-23	0.00	59849.32	59849.32	41737.06	0.00*	0.00	41737.06
2023-24	0.00	71867.14	71867.14	494.28	14775.72	2193.60	17463.61
2024-25	0.00	74468.82	74468.82	9782.92	0.00*	5535.12	15318.04
2025-26	1.63	56924.06	56925.69	10000.00	0.00*	13781.30	23781.30
TOTAL	1.63	519204.54	519206.17	62014.26	71290.73	25209.70	158514.69

*State has utilized DCP stocks to fulfill its NFSA/PMGKAY requirements.

**Allocation was made under PMGKAY during Covid period from April 2020 to December 2022.

ANNEXURE-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 11.02.2026 IN THE LOK SABH

Year	District name	AAY	PHH	Total
2026	DARJEELING	5,68,981	3,61,529	9,30,510
	DINAJPUR UTTAR	69,151	23,20,434	23,89,585
	KALIMPONG	2,19,476	29	2,19,505
2025	DARJEELING	5,66,277	3,60,681	9,26,958
	DINAJPUR UTTAR	68,353	23,10,416	23,78,769
	KALIMPONG	2,18,004	29	2,18,033
2024	DARJEELING	5,95,833	3,83,998	9,79,831
	DINAJPUR UTTAR	72,503	23,04,221	23,76,724
	KALIMPONG	2,27,298	45	2,27,343
2023	DARJEELING	6,02,504	4,05,461	10,07,965
	DINAJPUR UTTAR	67,966	22,55,983	23,23,949
	KALIMPONG	2,28,972	17	2,28,989