

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5381
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2026

FOODGRAINS UNDER THE NFSA

†5381. **SHRI DARSHAN SINGH CHOUDHARY:**

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

- (a): the number of beneficiary families/individuals being provided foodgrains throughout the country under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) at present, State-wise;
- (b): the details of the quantity of free foodgrains distributed under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) during the last year and the total expenditure incurred thereon;
- (c): whether the joint implementation of NFSA and PMGKAY has made a tangible improvement in the food and nutrition security of the poor, deprived, migrant labourers and Antyodaya families and if so, the key indicators/details thereof; and
- (d): whether the Government has put in place systems like Aadhaar seeding, e-PoS machines, One Nation One Ration Card to check leakages, increase transparency and ensure timely delivery to the beneficiaries under the above schemes and if so, the details thereof?

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(a): A statement indicating State-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) is at **Annexure**.

(b): During the year 2025, 4,95,49,736.45 MTs of foodgrains were distributed to the eligible beneficiaries under PMGKAY. During the last Financial Year 2024-25, an amount of Rs.1,99,499.67/- crore was released to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Decentralized Procurement States as food subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

(c): Distribution of free of cost foodgrains under the PMGKAY removes the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries. This strengthens the food security in terms of accessibility and availability of food grains for the targeted population. The scheme also provides a unified institutional mechanism across the country and remove difficulties of the beneficiaries specially migrants under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC).

(d): Following modernization efforts of Public Distribution System have been undertaken in all States/UTs–

- i. Ration cards/beneficiary's database have been completely digitized (100%) in all States/UTs. 99.7% of ration cards have been Aadhar seeded.
- ii. The transparency portal and online grievance redressal facility/Toll-free number have been implemented in all States/UTs.
- iii. Online allocation has been implemented in all States/UTs and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh, Puducherry and Urban area of Dadra & Nagar Haveli which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer scheme).
- iv. The nationwide portability of ration cards, popularly known as One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) has been implemented in all 36 States/UTs, covering all Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beneficiaries. As on date, more than 207 Crore portability transactions have been recorded under ONORC.
More than 5.50 Lakh (99.8%) out of total 5.51 Lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) in the country have been automated by installing ePoS devices for the distribution of foodgrains through Aadhaar biometric authentication of beneficiaries.

ANNEXURE**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5381 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2026 REGARDING "FOODGRAINS UNDER THE NFSA".**

State-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) as on 01.03.2026.

S.No.	State Name	Beneficiary Count
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	61,334
2	Andhra Pradesh	2,68,20,046
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8,71,000
4	Assam	2,48,94,794
5	Bihar	8,48,63,631
6	Chandigarh	3,42,954
7	Chhattisgarh	1,99,73,683
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	2,63,375
9	Delhi	72,20,350
10	Goa	4,76,303
11	Gujarat	3,36,90,403
12	Haryana	1,26,49,000
13	Himachal Pradesh	28,54,661
14	Jammu and Kashmir	67,47,172
15	Jharkhand	2,62,91,129
16	Karnataka	4,01,93,243
17	Kerala	1,50,65,170
18	Ladakh	1,13,803
19	Lakshadweep	20,095
20	Madhya Pradesh	5,38,07,137
21	Maharashtra	6,81,42,337
22	Manipur	21,10,378
23	Meghalaya	21,36,855
24	Mizoram	7,06,000
25	Nagaland	11,35,570
26	Odisha	3,23,78,964
27	Puducherry	6,34,000
28	Punjab	1,41,51,000
29	Rajasthan	4,39,80,284
30	Sikkim	3,76,580
31	Tamil Nadu	3,64,70,000
32	Telangana	1,90,80,021
33	Tripura	23,34,864
34	Uttarakhand	60,23,384
35	Uttar Pradesh	14,71,47,428
36	West Bengal	5,99,75,666
	Total	79,40,02,614