

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5492
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2026

BIOFORTIFIED FOODGRAINS THROUGH PDS

†5492. **SHRI HARISH CHANDRA MEENA:**

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

- (a): whether Government is taking steps to encourage distribution of biofortified foodgrains through the Public Distribution System (PDS) to address the shortage of micronutrients;
- (b): if so, the details of biofortified crop varieties being purchased and distributed by the Government under food schemes at present; and
- (c): whether there is any plan to comprehensively cover such nutrient-rich staples in districts with high malnutrition rate like Tonk-Sawai Madhopur and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) to (c): No. At present, no such proposal is under consideration.

Government of India is emphasizing on enhancing the food basket by providing options such as Shree Anna or Millets through PDS, as millets are known to have very high nutrient contents.
