

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 721  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

EXTENSION OF PMGKAY

**†721. SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE:**

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

- (a): the details of the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) from January 2024;
- (b): whether there has been a reduction in food expenditure for beneficiary households as a result of the said Scheme;
- (c): the details of the improvement in dietary diversity and caloric intake; and
- (d): the role played by the Scheme in stabilising household food security during the period of inflation and the State and category-wise indicator details in this regard?

**A N S W E R**  
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(a) to (d): The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) being implemented in all the States/UTs aims to supplement the food requirements of upto 75% of the rural and upto 50% of the urban population, which at Census 2011 comes to 81.35 crore persons.

Under the PMGKAY, while AAY households, which constitute poorest of the poor are entitled to 35 kg of foodgrains, per household per month, PHH beneficiaries are entitled to 5 kg of foodgrains per person per month free of cost.

The term “foodgrains” is defined as rice, wheat or coarse grains or any combination thereof conforming to such quality norms as may be determined, by order, by the Central Government from time to time.

The Central Government, in order to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of the programme for support of the poor, had decided to provide food grains free of cost to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households & Priority Households (PHH) beneficiaries, for one year from 1st January 2023 under the PMGKAY. The period of distribution of free of cost foodgrains has been extended for further five years w.e.f 1st January 2024 with an estimated financial outlay of Rs. 11.80 lakh crore totally to be borne by Central Government.

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