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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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LEAK PROOF DELIVERY OF FOODGRAINS UNDER THE PDS

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

- (a): the details of the systemic challenges currently affecting the leak-proof delivery of foodgrains within the Public Distribution System network including the measures being undertaken by the Government to address potential gaps in the supply chain;
- (b): the details of the specific quality control protocols that are in place to ensure that foodgrains distributed under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) consistently meet the Fair Average Quality (FAQ) standards along with the number of complaints/violations have been recorded by the department for the delivery of substandard quality to the beneficiaries;
- (c): the details of the steps taken by the Government to strengthen the monitoring framework at Fair Price Shops to prevent the distribution of non-standard stocks to beneficiaries; and
- (d): the details regarding the reach of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) including the total number of beneficiaries and the financial outlay utilized since its inception in the Country, State/UT-wise, especially in Chhattisgarh?

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(a): As part of the Government's digital initiatives to enhance reach, effectiveness and leak-proof delivery of foodgrains through Public Distribution System (PDS), the ration card/beneficiary database has been 100% digitised across all States and Union Territories, with 99.9% ration cards Aadhaar-seeded and 99.2% beneficiaries aadhaar seeded.

This has enabled beneficiaries to access their full entitlements at Fair Price Shops through e-PoS devices using their Ration Card Number or Aadhaar Number with biometric authentication. Further, initiatives such as One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC), Mera Ration App and Anna Sahayata have expanded the reach of food security benefits, thereby improving the effectiveness of PDS.

(b) & (c): The Department has formulated and issued a Quality Control Manual to uniformly maintain the quality standards of foodgrains from procurement to its distribution to the eligible beneficiaries through various social security programmes of GoI.

Further, Storage and Research Division of the Department is also mandated to undertake quality control activities with respect to the foodgrains stocks meant for central pool and its monitoring during procurement, storage as well as distribution to the eligible beneficiaries through various social security programmes. These activities are undertaken on a regular basis.

Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/ Union Territory (UT) Governments. The operational responsibilities for allocation of foodgrains within the States/ UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries, issuance of ration cards to them, distribution of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries under of TPDS, issuance of license to Fair Price Shop dealers, the supervision over and monitoring of functioning of FPSs of etc. rest with the concerned State/UT Governments. Accordingly, as and when any type of complaints/grievances related to TPDS are received in this Department from any source, they are sent to concerned State/ UT Governments and Division Section of the Department for inquiry and appropriate action.

Further, specific complaint cases related to the distribution of substandard wheat are not maintained or compiled by the Department. Moreover, 30014 complaints/grievances related to TPDS sent to the States/UTs Government from January, 2021 to December, 2025.

Union Government has laid down a robust mechanism to seamlessly distribute the food grains under PMGKAY to around 80 Crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beneficiaries through Fair Price Shops in all the State/UTs.

(d): Statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) during last years and present year in the country is at **Annexure-I**:

The Department reimburses the expenditure incurred by States, that have opted for Decentralized Procurement (DCP) mode (including Chhattisgarh) for distribution of food-grains to the beneficiaries of Central Schemes as per allocation made by Government of India. The difference between Economic Cost and Central Issue Price (CIP), at which foodgrains are issued to States, is reimbursed to Food Corporation of India (FCI) and DCP States as food subsidy. The food subsidy released to DCP States & FCI is made as per budgetary allocation made by M/o Finance. State wise funds are not allocated by M/o Finance. Further, funds are also released by Food

Corporation of India (FCI) to the States for the quantum of food-grains handed over to them by States for Central Pool. The two food subsidy schemes (Food Subsidy to FCI and Food Subsidy to DCP States) have been subsumed as Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY). The detail of funds released to DCP States (including Chhattisgarh) and FCI as food subsidy from FY 2020-21 to till date is at **Annexure-II**.

The Statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the PMGKAY during last years and present year in the country

Sl. No.	States/ UTs	Actual number of beneficiaries covered (In lakh)	
		As on 31.03.2025	As on 31.12.2025
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.22	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.44	8.44
3	Assam	247.98	247.98
4	Bihar	871.16	871.16
5	Chhattisgarh	200.77	200.77
6	Delhi	72.78	72.78
7	Goa	5.32	5.32
8	Gujarat	365.84	365.84
9	Haryana	126.49	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	29.88	29.88
11	Jharkhand	264.19	264.19
12	Karnataka	401.93	401.93
13	Kerala	154.80	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	534.79	534.79
15	Maharashtra	700.17	700.17
16	Manipur	20.87	20.87
17	Meghalaya	21.46	21.46
18	Mizoram	7.05	7.05
19	Nagaland	14.05	14.05
20	Odisha	325.17	325.17
21	Punjab	141.45	141.45
22	Rajasthan	440.01	440.01
23	Sikkim	3.81	3.81
24	Tamil Nadu	364.12	364.12
25	Telangana	191.70	191.70
26	Tripura	24.43	24.43
27	Uttar Pradesh	1498.70	1498.70
28	Uttarakhand	61.94	61.94
29	West Bengal	601.84	601.84
30	A&N	0.61	0.61
31	DNH&DD	2.69	2.69
32	Lakshadweep	0.22	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	2.99	2.99
34	Puducherry (DBT)	6.34	6.34
35	J&K	72.41	72.41
36	Ladakh	1.44	1.44
Total		8056.05	8056.05

The detail of funds released to DCP States (including Chhattisgarh) and FCI as food subsidy from FY 2020-21 to 2025-26 (till date)

S. No	FY	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 (as on 30.01.2026)
1	Assam@	-	-	-	-	-	9.36
2	Bihar	4117.33	7671.90	10966.10	6557.64	9725.40	7393.98
3	Punjab	1761.53	2047.53	1202.49	2064.56	2572.72	1816.19
4	Madhya Pradesh	11946.44	14420.62	9471.50	16939.27	10189.04	7278.91
5	Andhra Pradesh	8424.72	9323.38	6635.97	6268.19	8398.98	4702.22
6	Telangana	6879.59	7665.02	5242.76	5367.07	4178.27	2822.66
7	UP**	-	-	-	-	9.09	119.92
8	West Bengal	8792.03	5421.34	6580.11		8899.88	11704.98
9	Chhattisgarh	7193.13	9047.77	7574.81	5236.13	5695.55	2083.64
10	Uttarakhand	1371.33	1554.43	1212.25	724.39	1159.26	80.75
11	Himachal Pradesh@@	-	-	-	47.38	-	-
12	Tamil Nadu	3109.76	6250.93	8685.95	7072.53	6033.90	5621.05
13	Odisha	8985.73	7892.69	7600.05	14473.68	9948.83	6140.07
14	Karnataka	323.99	1682.12	2191.75	1222.13	1281.18	935.79
15	Gujarat	9.24	749.43	311.54	267.83	138.87	-
16	Kerala	1214.98	1777.86	1544.89	1151.85	1062.36	555.65
17	Maharashtra	2555.74	4082.07	2725.75	3923.29	327.74	1458.49
18	Jharkhand	3.66	-	-	42.77	502.99	409.3
19	Tripura	29.79	15.58	148.67	106.51	64.26	-
20	DBT*	182.78	186.87	187.9	267.6	221.95	243.45
21	Sub-total (States+DBT) S. No. 1 to 20	78337.77	79789.54	72282.49	71733.36	70410.27	53376.41
22	FCI	462789.00	208929.00	200219.20	139661.03	129089.40	109148.00
23	Total (States+DBT+FCI) S. No. 21+22	541126.77	288718.54	272501.69	211394.39	199499.67	162524.41

From April, 2020 to December 2022 under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyaan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), 5Kg per month per person free of cost food grain was distributed to all AAY and PHH beneficiaries.

* Under DBT scheme, w.e.f. 2015-16 subsidy is released to UTs of Chandigarh, Puducherry, and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

**Uttar Pradesh has adopted non-DCP mode of procurement, no subsidy for wheat & rice is being released by DFPD. However, Govt of Uttar Pradesh has released food subsidy for distribution of coarse grains.

@Assam is a DCP State for only 2 districts and has adopted DCP mode since 2023-24.

@@Himachal Pradesh is a DCP State since 2022-23.