

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1365
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2021

COVERAGE UNDER NFSA

1365 SHRI M.V. SHREYAMS KUMAR:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of card holders and the number of beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) across the country, State-wise including Kerala;
- (b) whether any steps have been taken by Government to increase the number of beneficiaries under NFSA to provide food security for those people also who are excluded from NFSA;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government has planned to install Automatic Grain Dispensing Machines for PDS; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): A statement indicating the State/UT-wise number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 is at **Annexure**.

(b): The National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) provides for coverage of up to 81.35 Crore persons. Presently, States/UTs have covered a total of about 79.51 Crore beneficiaries. For the left out quota, the Department had pursued with concerned States/UTs from time to time to provide the benefit of NFSA to maximum eligible beneficiaries/households up to the respective ceiling limits of NFSA coverage.

(c): As above

(d): The United Nations World Food Program (UN-WFP) has intimated to this Department that it plans to test a solution of an automated multi-commodity dispensing machine in a Fair Price Shop of Gurgaon, Haryana.

(e): As above

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1365 FOR ANSWER ON 30.07.2021 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

STATE/UT-WISE NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES COVERED UNDER THE NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013

(AS on 25.07.2021)

(Figures in lakhs)

| S. No. | Name of the States/UTs | Antyodaya Anna Yojana | | Total number of persons covered under Priority Category | Total number of beneficiaries |
|--------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | No. of families | No. of person | | |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 9.08 | 23.52 | 244.70 | 268.22 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.38 | 1.50 | 6.90 | 8.40 |
| 3 | Assam | 6.92 | 28.08 | 223.08 | 251.17 |
| 4 | Bihar | 25.01 | 125.05 | 746.11 | 871.16 |
| 5 | Chattisgarh | 7.19 | 20.42 | 180.35 | 200.77 |
| 6 | Delhi | 0.69 | 2.81 | 69.97 | 72.78 |
| 7 | Goa | 0.12 | 0.46 | 4.86 | 5.32 |
| 8 | Gujarat | 8.10 | 36.50 | 305.21 | 341.71 |
| 9 | Haryana | 2.68 | 11.35 | 115.14 | 126.49 |
| 10 | Himachal Pradesh | 1.82 | 7.67 | 20.98 | 28.64 |
| 11 | Jharkhand | 9.17 | 37.98 | 225.72 | 263.70 |
| 12 | Karnataka | 10.97 | 43.91 | 358.02 | 401.93 |
| 13 | Kerala | 5.96 | 25.59 | 129.21 | 154.80 |
| 14 | Madhya Pradesh | 14.81 | 57.28 | 425.31 | 482.58 |
| 15 | Maharashtra | 25.05 | 108.01 | 592.16 | 700.17 |
| 16 | Manipur | 0.63 | 1.77 | 16.83 | 18.60 |
| 17 | Meghalaya | 0.70 | 2.91 | 18.54 | 21.46 |
| 18 | Mizoram | 0.26 | 0.82 | 5.86 | 6.68 |
| 19 | Nagaland | 0.48 | 2.11 | 11.94 | 14.05 |
| 20 | Odisha | 12.59 | 38.52 | 285.81 | 324.33 |
| 21 | Punjab | 1.79 | 7.71 | 133.80 | 141.51 |
| 22 | Rajasthan | 6.29 | 22.29 | 417.72 | 440.01 |
| 23 | Sikkim | 0.17 | 0.55 | 3.24 | 3.79 |
| 24 | Tamil Nadu | 18.65 | 68.60 | 296.10 | 364.69 |
| 25 | Telangana | 5.67 | 15.29 | 176.33 | 191.62 |
| 26 | Tripura | 1.10 | 4.98 | 19.85 | 24.83 |
| 27 | Uttar Pradesh | 40.79 | 130.14 | 1341.78 | 1471.92 |
| 28 | Uttarakhand | 1.84 | 7.92 | 54.02 | 61.94 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 16.42 | 54.99 | 546.85 | 601.84 |
| 30 | A&N | 0.04 | 0.14 | 0.46 | 0.61 |
| 31 | DNH&DD | 0.05 | 0.24 | 2.74 | 2.98 |
| 32 | Lakshadweep | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.18 | 0.22 |
| 33 | Chandigarh (DBT) | 0.00 | 0.01 | 2.66 | 2.66 |
| 34 | Puducherry (DBT) | 0.25 | 0.83 | 5.42 | 6.24 |
| 35 | J&K | 2.33 | 10.61 | 61.80 | 72.41 |
| 36 | Ladakh | 0.06 | 0.29 | 1.15 | 1.44 |
| Total | | 238.07 | 900.89 | 7050.8 | 7951.67 |
