

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2321  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF ATAL KHADYAN YOJANA

2321 # SHRI NARESH BANSAL:

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

- (a) the ration card holders in the country for the years 2020-21 and 2021-22 and year-wise number and the details of imlementation of Atal Khadyan Yojana State-wise;
- (b) the per capita quantity and the types of foodgrains available to consumers under the Public Distribution System (PDS); and
- (c) whether rations are made available to the consumers in all the States throughout the year?

A N S W E R

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

(a): Under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), inter-alia all operational responsibilities, including the identification of eligible households/beneficiaries under the relevant categories of NFSA and up to their respective ceiling limits, issuance of ration cards to them, etc. rests with the respective State/UT Governments. Accordingly, as per the information available from the States/UTs, there were about 23.54 Crore and 23.6 Crore NFSA ration card holders in the country in April 2020 and in April 2021 respectively. Further, no such scheme by the name of Atal Khadyan Yojana is implemented by the Department in the country.

(b): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the provisions of NFSA. Accordingly, the Department allocates foodgrains (Rice, Wheat and Coarse grains) for distribution to NFSA beneficiaries at the scale of 35 Kg. per Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) category household per month and 5 Kg. per Priority Household (PHH) category beneficiary per month.

(c): Yes sir. Under NFSA, the Department allocates highly subsidised foodgrains to all States/UTs (except Chandigarh and Puducherry, which have implemented DBT Cash Transfer under NFSA) for distribution from Fair Price Shops (FPSs) round the year to all NFSA beneficiaries.

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