

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2321
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH MARCH, 2022**

DISTRIBUTION OF RATION

2321. SHRI RAJU BISTA:

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

- (a) the details of the share of contribution of the State and the Union Governments in the ration distributed through Public Distribution System (PDS) in West Bengal from 2020 to till date;**
- (b) the details of the ration under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana (PMGKY) allotted by the Union Government to West Bengal from May 2020 till date;**
- (c) the total number of beneficiaries under PMGKY ration in West Bengal especially in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur;**
- (d) whether the Union Government has conducted or proposes to conduct audit of the PDS in the districts of Darjeeling and Kalimpong; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

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**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 foodgrains from Central Pool are allocated to States/ UTs at highly subsidized prices of Rs.3/2/1 per kilogram for rice/ wheat/ coarsegrains respectively. The State Government is also required to distribute the same to beneficiaries at these prices. Thus, the entire (100%) subsidy burden is borne by the Union Government.

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(b): A total of around 54 LMT foodgrains(i.e. Rice and wheat) has been allocated to West Bengal under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) scheme From May, 2020 to March, 2022.

(c): Total no of beneficiaries in West Bengal for which ration has been allocated under PMGKAY, is 601.84 lakh including in the districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong and North Dinajpur.

(d) & (e): To monitor the implementation of National Food Security Act (NFSA) 2013 and to evaluate its impact among targeted beneficiaries, Government of India has selected University of Calcutta as Monitoring Institution (MI) for undertaking concurrent evaluation of NFSA in the State of West Bengal.
