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Title: Regarding extending benefits to both NFSA and Non-NFSA beneficiaries across the country -laid.

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SHRI BELLANA CHANDRA SEKHAR (VIZIANAGARAM) : Government of Andhra Pradesh has distributed rice and pulses free of cost under both PDS (Public Distribution System) and PMGKAY (Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana) to 1.49 crore Ration card holders in Andhra Pradesh & incurred an additional expenditure of Rs. 1,300 Crores.

Currently, there are 4,27,99,712 units out of which, 2,68,25,220 NFSA units and 1,59,74,492 non NFSA units are present in the State.

- There is no difference between Priority Households shown under NFSA and Priority Households shown under non-NESA State Cards with respect to eligibility criteria.
- The govt. of Andhra Pradesh has borne an additional expenditure of Rs. 800 Crores by extending the benefits to non—NFSA state units.

In this regard, I request the Hon'ble Food Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution Minister to extend benefits to both NFSA and Non-NFSA units on humanitarian grounds not only in State of Andhra Pradesh but also across the country.