

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.950  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY, 2023**

**STATUS OF ONORC**

**950. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:**

**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 total demand received so far from West Bengal for the supply of wheat, rice, sugar, foodgrains and kerosene under Public Distribution System (PDS) during the last five years, the quantum actually collected/lifted by the State during the period and the utilisation thereof;
- (b) the number of people who have been benefitted in West Bengal under PDS in BPL category during each of the last five years and the steps being taken by the Government to improve the efficiency of PDS in various parts of the country;
- (c) the status of implementation of linking of Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries with their ration cards in West Bengal; and
- (d) the status of implementation of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme along with details of percentage of population covered, State-wise?

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

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(a): Details of allocation and offtake of foodgrains (i.e. Rice and Wheat) to West Bengal during last five years as well as current year, under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) are placed at Annexure-I.

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The National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 is now being universally implemented in the entire country. The Government reviewed the sugar subsidy scheme in May 2017 and decided to continue it only for AAY families. The Central Government reimburses, a fixed subsidy of Rs. 18.50 per kg @ 1 kg per month per AAY family to participating States/ UTs. The States/UTs are also allowed either to absorb the additional cost on account of handling, transportation and dealer's commission or pass it on to the consumer by adding it to the Retail Issue Price (RIP) of Rs. 13.50 per kg under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The annual quota of sugar of West Bengal for distribution in PDS for AAY families is 23828 MT and total numbers of beneficiary families are 16.42 Lakh

The detail of sugar distributed quantity as per the sugar subsidy released to West Bengal during the last Five Financial years as per claim submitted by the state government during the respective financial year and current year is as under:-

SL No.	Financial year	Sugar distributed (in MT)
1	2017-18	9102.12
2	2018-19	14685.98
3	2019-20	9456.23
4	2020-21	32844.61
5	2021-22	20207.20
6	2022-23	8832.43

Government of India makes allocation of Public Distribution System (PDS) Kerosene to States/UTs on quarterly basis for cooking and lighting purpose. The allocation of PDS Kerosene to the State of West Bengal and the quantum of allocation actually lifted by the State during last five years are as under:

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FY	Allocation	Upliftment
2017-18	704016	653631
2018-19	704016	699313
2019-20	704016	692683
2020-21	704016	696512
2021-22	704016	689651

**(b): After implementation of NFSA, 2013, Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) has been delinked from APL and BPL category. Now, there are only two categories of households under TPDS which are:**

- (i) Antodaya Anna Yojana (AAY); and**
- (ii) Priority Household (PHH)**

**A total number of approx. 601.84 Lakh beneficiaries are being provided foodgrains under TPDS in West Bengal.**

**Further as part of technological reforms, the scheme of End-to-End Computerization of PDS has been implemented all over the country that ensures transparency and rightful targeting of NFSA beneficiaries in the country through Aadhar-biometric authentication. The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Plan provides portability of NFSA ration benefits throughout the country for migrant beneficiaries in a seamless manner with the existing (old) ration card.**

**(c): The State Government of West Bengal has achieved 98% of Aadhaar seeding with Ration Cards (RCs) of NFSA beneficiaries in the State.**

**(d): The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan, for nation-wide portability of the National Food Security Act 2013 (NFSA) beneficiaries, is presently enabled in all 36 States/UTs (across the nation) and covering around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries (100% of NFSA beneficiaries) in the country. State-wise details of number of beneficiaries covered under NFSA, 2013 as on 31.01.2023, are placed at Annexure-II**

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**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 950 FOR ANSWER ON 08.02.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA**

**Details of Allocation and Offtake of foodgrains w.r.t. West Bengal under TPDS, from 2017-18 onwards**

**(In thousand tons)**

Year	Foodgrains	Allocation	Offtake
		NFSA	NFSA
2017-18	Rice	1605.510	1443.007
	Wheat	2360.687	2346.792
	Total	3966.197	3789.799
2018-19	Rice	1607.542	1535.459
	Wheat	2362.340	2361.550
	Total	3969.882	3897.009
2019-20	Rice	1607.542	1559.710
	Wheat	2362.671	2359.768
	Total	3970.213	3919.478
2020-21	Rice	1607.949	1595.299
	Wheat	2362.671	2346.258
	Total	3970.620	3941.557
2021-22	Rice	1607.949	1548.594
	Wheat	2362.671	2268.437
	Total	3970.620	3817.031
2022-23#	Rice	2253.301	2139.235
	Wheat	1717.318	1396.690
	Total	3970.619	3535.925

# Offtake data upto January, 2023

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**State-wise details of number of beneficiaries under NFSA, 2013**

(in Lakh)

Sl No	Name of the State/UT	Number of beneficiaries covered under NFSA (As on 31.01.2023)
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.40
3	Assam	251.17
4	Bihar	871.16
5	Chattisgarh	200.77
6	Delhi	72.78
7	Goa	5.32
8	Gujarat	344.15
9	Haryana	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	28.64
11	Jharkhand	264.12
12	Karnataka	401.93
13	Kerala	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	511.32
15	Maharashtra	700.17
16	Manipur	20.08
17	Meghalaya	21.46
18	Mizoram	6.68
19	Nagaland	14.05
20	Odisha	325.03
21	Punjab	141.51
22	Rajasthan	440.01
23	Sikkim	3.81
24	Tamil Nadu	364.69
25	Telangana	191.62
26	Tripura	24.32
27	Uttar Pradesh	1497.77
28	Uttarakhand	61.94
29	West Bengal	601.84
30	A&N	0.61
31	DNH&DD	2.73
32	Lakshadweep	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	2.76
34	Puduchery (DBT)	6.34
35	J&K	72.41
36	Ladakh	1.44
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8010.78</b>

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