

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3419
TO BE ANSWERED ON 9TH AUGUST, 2023**

ANNA BHAGYA SCHEME

3419. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

SHRIMATI SUMALATHA AMBAREESH:

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

- (a) whether it is true that the Government of Karnataka has introduced Anna Bhagya Scheme, which is also called as “Karnataka Free Rice Distribution Scheme”;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any representation from Karnataka seeking additional foodgrains to implement the scheme;
- (d) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to provide foodgrains to Karnataka;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) 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) to (b): Government of Karnataka had introduced Anna Bhagya Scheme on 15.06.2013 to distribute the food grains at subsidized rates.

(c) to (f): Two representations were received from Government of Karnataka requesting for additional allocation of rice for Anna Bhagya Scheme for the State under OMSS(D). The State Govt. was informed about Government of India’s decision to discontinue the sale of rice and wheat under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS (D)] to all State Governments with effect from 13th June, 2023, barring northeast, hilly states and those facing law and order situations and natural calamities. Keeping in view the benefit of around 140 crore citizens of the country, Government of India has taken this decision to maintain adequate stock in Central Pool for distribution under National Food Security Act (NFSA) and other welfare schemes (OWS) amid concerns over monsoon due to expected deficiency in rainfall caused by El-Nino which may adversely affect Kharif crop production in country, control inflationary trends and the ongoing geopolitical situation. However, Government is providing foodgrains to NFSA beneficiaries as per their entitlement free of cost as committed under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PM-GKAY) w.e.f. 1st January, 2023.
