

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH FEBRUARY, 2021

EXCLUSION OF BENEFICIARIES FROM PMGKAY

1372 SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cases of exclusion of beneficiaries from Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) due to outdated census and biometric identification errors have come to light;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to include these beneficiaries?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)

(a) to (c): No sir. Under the special purpose Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) scheme, additional free-of-cost foodgrains were allocated by the Department for distribution to around all 80 Crore beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), over and above their regular NFSA foodgrains during the months April 2020 to November 2020. Further, it is stated that NFSA provides a maximum coverage of about 81.34 Crore beneficiaries under TPDS in the country and the benefit of PMGKAY was extended to all beneficiaries covered by the States/UTs under NFSA.

It is also stated that the timeline given to States/UTs for linking of Aadhaar numbers with all ration cards has been extended up to 31/03/2021 through amendment in the Notification.
