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**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in Himachal Pradesh (State Series)**  
***Himachal Pradesh among top performing states during phases III and IV of PM-GKAY***  
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### Introduction

One of the primary objectives of the Government of India is to ensure food security in the country. In the wake of COVID-19, the government took a number of measures to improve the food security and reduce the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to the unprecedented outbreak of the pandemic.

### Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)

PM-GKAY is the [world's largest food security scheme](#)<sup>1</sup> launched by the Government of India to combat COVID-induced economic disruptions. The scheme aims to ensure food safety (of the poor) by providing food items including [5 kg rice/wheat per individual and 1 kg gram per family](#)<sup>2</sup> every month for free.

All beneficiaries of the targeted public distribution system (TPDS) for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and priority household (PHH) ration cardholders are eligible for food grains under this scheme.

Key features of the scheme include the following:

- **80 crore individuals**, i.e., ~66% of India's population are covered under this scheme
- Each one of them received double of their current entitlement under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). This additionality was free of cost.

**Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana**

'Free-of-Cost' Food Security Scheme During Covid-19 Pandemic

- > No poor went to bed without food
- > Social safety net
- > Elimination of extreme poverty

<sup>1</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1810048>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ibef.org/government-schemes/pradhan-mantri-garib-kalyan-yojana>

- To ensure availability of protein, one kg of pulses was provided to families (as per regional preferences).

## Ensuring Food Security for India

As on July 31, 2022<sup>3</sup>, a total of **824 Lakh Metric Ton (LMT) of free foodgrains** has been distributed under PMGKAY, with a total subsidy outlay of around Rs. 2.79 lakh crore.

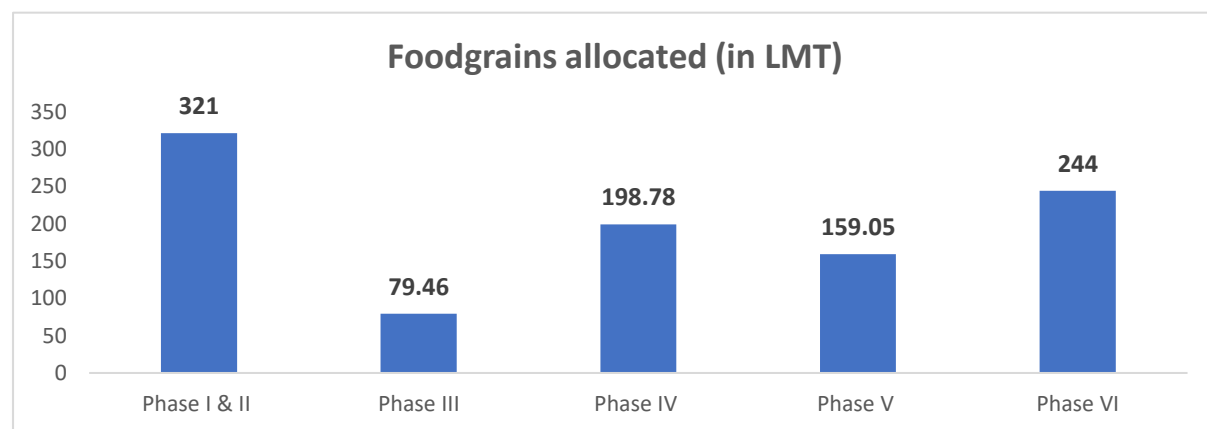
The benefit of free ration can be availed through portability by any **migrant labour or beneficiary** under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan<sup>4</sup> from nearly five lakh ration shops across the country.

### Phase Wise Allocation & Distribution of Foodgrains

Initially in 2020-21, the PM-GKAY scheme was announced only for a period of three months of April, May and June 2020 (Phase-I). Later, keeping in view the continuous need to support the food-security for vulnerable beneficiaries, the Government extended the scheme in a number of phases.

#### **PM-GKAY implementation during 2020-21:**

- **Phases I & II (April to November 2020)** – A total of **321 LMT foodgrains were allocated**, of which the States/UTs reported a total **distribution of 298.8 LMT** (about 93%) foodgrains to an average of about 94% NFSA population (75 crore beneficiaries) per month across the country.



#### **PM-GKAY implementation during 2021-22:**

- **Phase-III (May and June 2021)** – A total of **79.46 LMT foodgrains were allocated**, of which the States/UTs reported the distribution of **75.2 LMT (about 94.5%)** foodgrains to an average of about 95% NFSA population (75.18 crore beneficiaries) per month.
- **Phase-IV (July to November 2021)** – A total of **198.78 LMT foodgrains were allocated**, of which, the States/UTs reported the distribution of **186.1 LMT (about 93.6%)**

<sup>3</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=1848791>

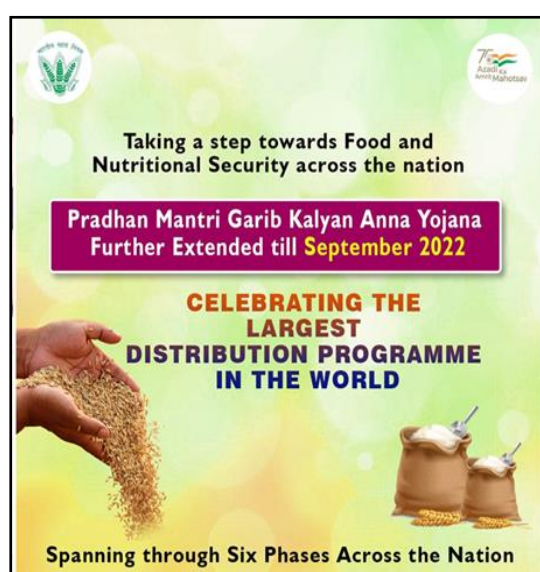
<sup>4</sup> <https://static.pib.gov.in/WriteReadData/specificdocs/documents/2022/aug/doc202283198301.pdf>

foodgrains, covering an average of about 93% NFSA population (74.4 crore beneficiaries) per month.

- **Phase-V (December 2021 to March 2022)** - Pursuant to the announcement of continuing the PM-GKAY up to March 2022, the Department had issued **an allocation order of 159.05 LMT foodgrains** to all States/UTs.

## PM-GKAY Extended to Phase VI

Even though the COVID-19 pandemic has significantly abated and economic activities are gathering momentum, the Union Cabinet [extended the PM-GKAY scheme for another six months](#) i.e., till September 2022 (Phase VI) with an allocation of [244 LMT foodgrains](#) to ensure that **no poor household goes to bed without food during this time of recovery.**



## Implementation of PM-GKAY in Himachal Pradesh

The Government of India had initiated several measures for speedy progress in the quality of life for people of Himachal Pradesh through efficient policies and cooperation. Himachal Pradesh is testimony to the power of public action in producing socially impactful outcomes. The State's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated crisis has been exemplary and widely appreciated. Himachal Pradesh has been a model of governance among the Hill States.

During 2021-22 (phases III and IV of PM-GKAY), Himachal Pradesh was **among the top performing states** under PM-GKAY based on distribution percentage.<sup>5</sup>

The total allocation and number of beneficiaries benefitted under PM-GKAY is given below.

<sup>5</sup> <https://pib.gov.in/Pressreleaseshare.aspx?PRID=1789376>

Implementation of PM-GKAY in Himachal Pradesh <sup>6</sup>	
Total allocation under PM-GKAY (Phase –I to Phase-V)	272123.32 MTs
Total number of beneficiaries covered under NFSA/PM-GKAY	28.64 lakh
Expenditure Incurred by Food Corporation of India (FCI) on account of supply of food grains	Rs 733.80 crore

Himachal Pradesh was also among the States that **recorded maximum number of Inter-State portability transactions** for PMGKAY distribution during phases I to IV.<sup>7</sup>

### **Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP)<sup>8</sup>**

Further, under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package (ANBP), the Government made an allocation of about **8 LMT of additional food-grain covering all the States/UTs for migrants/stranded migrants**, who are neither covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) nor State Scheme PDS Cards, @ 5 kg per person per month free of cost for a period of two months (May & June, 2020).

Foodgrain Distribution under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Package in Himachal Pradesh			
Total Allocation	Total lifted quantity from FCI	Total Distributed Quantity under ANB	Total migrants covered per month
2864 MTs	2864 MTs	2028 MTs	2,02,758

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