

## Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana: Ensuring Food Security in Telangana

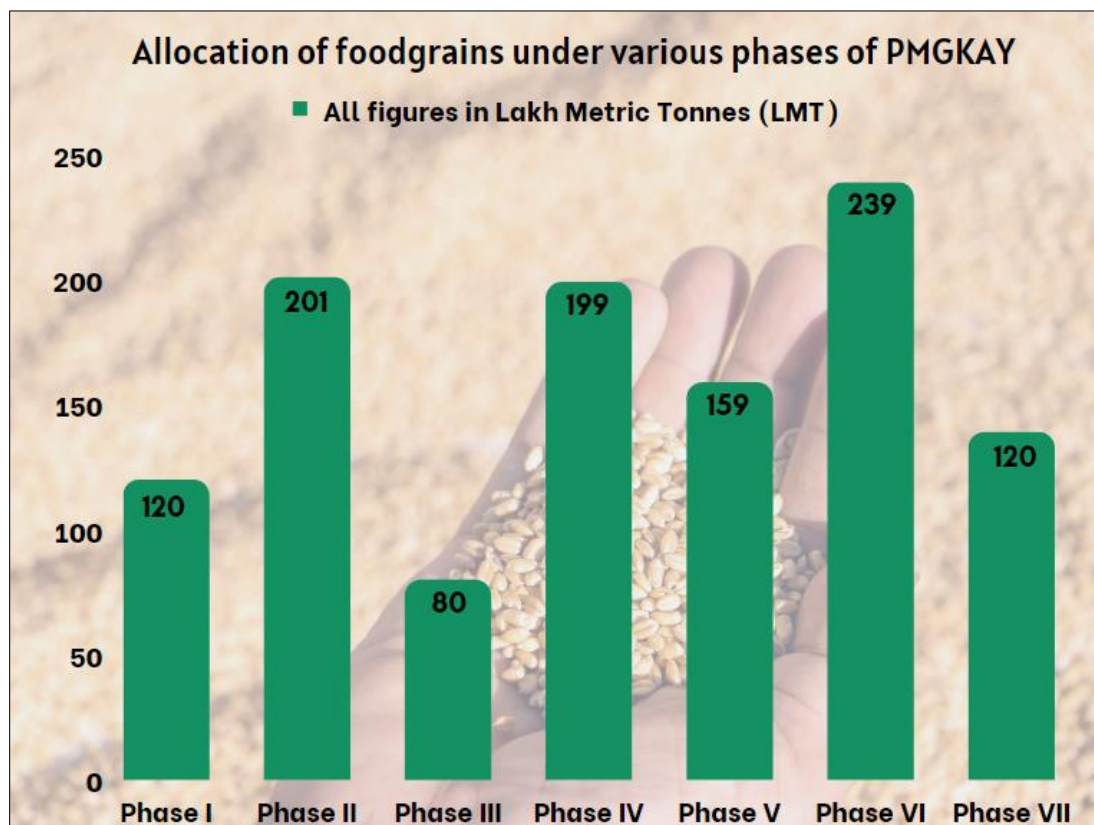
*26.82 lakh metric tonnes of Free Food Grains distributed in Telangana under PMGKAY*

*1.91 Crore people benefitted in Telangana under PMGKAY*

The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) was launched in April 2020 with the specific purpose of ameliorating the hardships faced by the poor and needy due to economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Initially, in 2020-21, the PMGKAY scheme was announced only for a period of three months (April- June 2020), however, it was extended until December 2022 in seven consecutive phases.



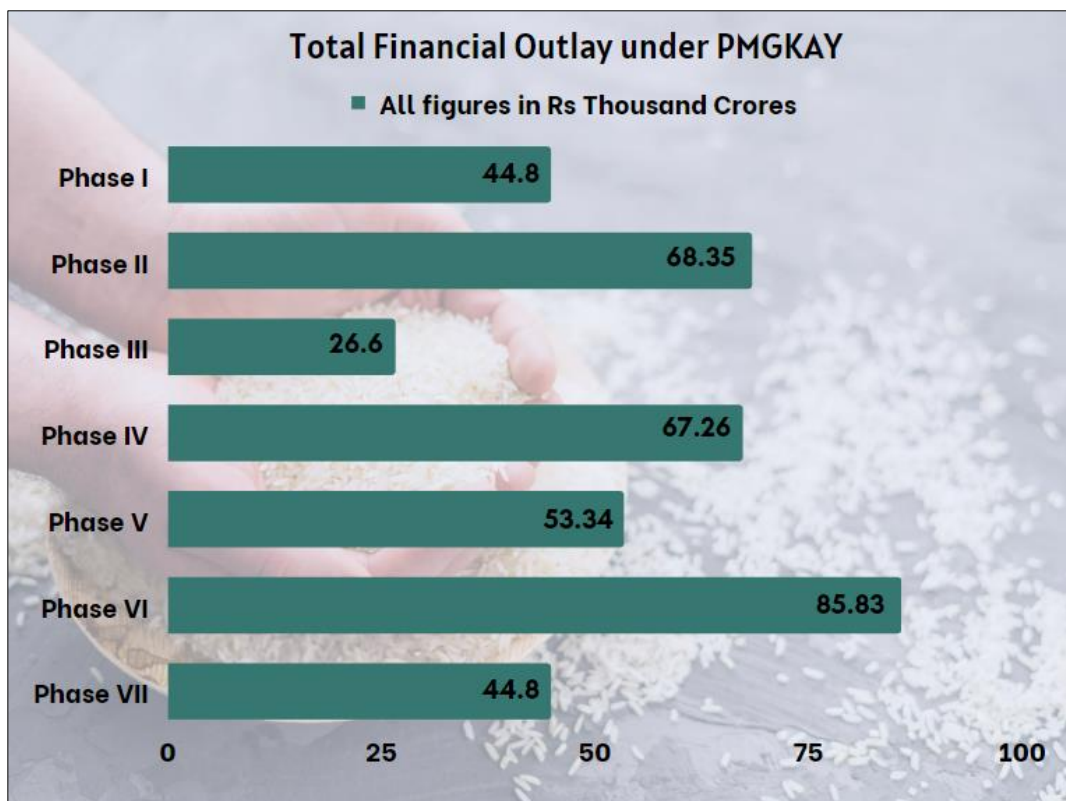
Under this scheme, the Central Government allocated a total of **1118 lakh metric tonnes (LMT)** foodgrains, to all the States/UTs for free-of-cost distribution to nearly **80 crore beneficiaries** as covered under NFSA during the period April, 2020 to December, 2022.



The **allocation of free foodgrains, under PMGKAY (Phase I-VII) was in addition to normal allocation** done under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013.

Under the PMGKAY (Phase I to VII), the entire expenditure towards food subsidy, intra-State movement and handling of foodgrains and fair price shop dealers' margin were borne by the Central Government without any sharing from States/UTs. The total sanctioned outlay for food subsidy and Central assistance for all Phases (I-VII) was around **Rs 3.91 lakh crore**.

Further, the Central Government, to remove the financial burden of the poor beneficiaries and to ensure nationwide uniformity and effective implementation of NFSA, has decided to provide **foodgrains free of cost to the beneficiaries** covered under NFSA, 2013, **for a period of one year**, beginning January 01, 2023.



### PMGKAY: Progress in Telangana

The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) has played a crucial role in safeguarding the lives and interests of the poor and vulnerable during the COVID-19 pandemic, by providing them with the most basic necessity to live, i.e., foodgrains. The state of Telangana has nearly **1.91 crore beneficiaries** under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) as on March 20, 2023.

Across seven phases of implementation, approximately **26.82 lakh metric tonnes** of free food grains have been allocated under PMGKAY in Telangana. This initiative not only addresses immediate hunger concerns but also highlights the government's overarching goal of fostering socio-economic progress and inclusivity throughout the state.

# Allocation of food grains under PMGKAY to Telangana (in Thousand Metric Tonnes)



1.91 Crore people  
benefitted



2682.7 Thousand Metric Tonne  
food grains distributed

PHASE -1 (APRIL-JUNE, 2020)

287.43



PHASE -2 (JULY-NOVEMBER, 2020)

479.05



PHASE -3 (MAY & JUNE, 2021)

191.62



PHASE -4 (JULY-NOVEMBER, 2021)

479.05



PHASE -5 (DECEMBER, 2021-MARCH, 2022)

383.24



PHASE -6 (APRIL-SEPTEMBER, 2022)

574.87



PHASE -7 (OCTOBER-DECEMBER, 2022)

287.43



PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY), started during the difficult time of COVID-19 crisis, has provided food security to the poor, needy and vulnerable households so that they do not suffer on account of the non-availability of adequate foodgrains. Effectively it doubled the quantity of monthly foodgrains entitlements being normally delivered to beneficiaries.

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