

Scheme 5: Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana



What is Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana scheme?

The Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY) is a component of the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative aimed at distributing free food grains to migrants and impoverished individuals. Under this initiative, the government supplies 5kg of free food grains monthly to those in need, complementing the subsidized ration (priced at Rs 2-3 per kg) provided under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) to eligible families covered by the Public Distribution System (PDS). The quantity and type of food grains may vary.

Key aspects related to Old age pension

Benefits	Entitlement	Frequency	Applies to	Contribution by worker (Rs.)	Time specified (days)	Time taken (days)	Fee specified (Rs.)	Money spent (Rs.)	Timeline for submission
Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana	Monthly supply of 5kg of free food grains	Monthly	Household	-					

What are the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana scheme?

Under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), each family with a ration card receives 5 kg of food grains at no cost, in addition to the 5 kg of subsidized food grains already available through the Public Distribution System (PDS). Wheat has been distributed to six States/Union Territories, namely Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Delhi, and Gujarat, while rice has been allocated to the remaining States/Union Territories.

What is the eligibility criteria for accessing benefits from the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana?

- Families belonging to Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH) categories will be eligible for the scheme.
- PHH are to be identified by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations as per criteria evolved by them. AAY families are to be identified by States/UTs as per the criteria prescribed by the Central Government:
Households headed by widows or terminally ill persons or disabled persons or persons aged 60 years or more with no assured means of subsistence or societal support.
- Widows or terminally ill persons or disabled persons or persons aged 60 years or more or single women or single men with no family or societal support or assured means of subsistence.
- All primitive tribal households.
- Landless agriculture labourers, marginal farmers, rural artisans/craftsmen such as potters, tanners, weavers, blacksmiths, carpenters, slum dwellers, and persons earning their

livelihood on daily basis in the informal sector like porters, coolies, rickshaw pullers, hand cart pullers, fruit and flower sellers, snake charmers, rag pickers, cobblers, destitutes and other similar categories in both rural and urban areas.

- All eligible Below Poverty Line families of HIV positive persons

What is the procedure to apply?

Offline

- Interested person shall visit nearest Fair Price Shop with Ration Card
- Beneficiaries can quote either their ration card number or the Aadhaar number to any Fair Price Shop dealer across the country.
- Beneficiaries can undergo Aadhaar authentication by using their fingerprints or iris-based identification.

What type of documents required for application?

- Ration Card
- Aadhar Card (if seeded with Ration Card)

Why do domestic workers often fail to receive the benefits of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana?

On-ground implementation issue:

- Frequently, individuals encounter a situation where they receive only half of their eligible entitlement

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