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As you are already aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister while addressing the nation on 19.3.2020 announced setting set up of a COVID-19 Economic Response Task Force, led by the Finance Minister to work towards minimizing the impact of Corona virus on the country's economy.

On the basis of feedback received by the Task Force from various stakeholders, including State Governments and Industry bodies, the Finance Minister, in the press conference held today i.e. 26.03.2020, announced a set of Pro-poor initiatives under **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan package** as part of the Economic Response to COVID-19. This is aimed at ameliorating the hardships faced by poor due to economic disruption caused by Corona Virus.

The following measures have been announced in respect of your Ministry as part of **Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Package**;

PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana

- *Government of India would not allow anybody, specially any poor family, to suffer on account of non-availability of foodgrains due to disruption in the next three months.*
- *80 crore individuals, i.e, roughly two-thirds of India's population would be covered under this scheme.*
- *Each one of them would be provided double of their current entitlement over next three months.*
- *This additionality would be free of cost.*
- *GOI will bear entire expenditure of Rs 40,000 crores spent for this purpose.*

Pulses:

- *To ensure adequate availability of protein to all the above mentioned individuals, one kg per family, of pulses like moong, toor, chana, urad would be provided for next three months.*
- *These pulses would be provided free of cost by the government of India.*
- *GOI will be spending Rs. 5,000 crores for this purpose.*

I will be grateful if you could take urgent action for implementation of the announcements concerning your Department and keep us posted.

Yours sincerely,
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