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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1830
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28TH DECEMBER, 2018

BENEFIT OF AADHAAR SEEDING WITH PDS

1830. SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN :

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that seeding of Aadhaar with ration cards have revealed more than three crore fake ration cards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Aadhaar-seeding is really helpful to the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS)?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): With the aim of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and to address the challenges such as leakages and diversion of foodgrains, elimination of fake and bogus ration cards etc., Government is implementing a scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations' in association with all States/UTs. Under the scheme, apart from digitisation of ration cards/beneficiary records, the seeding of Aadhaar numbers is also being done to identify the duplicate / bogus ration cards / beneficiaries from the system, and to enable rightful targeting of food subsidies. As a result, States/UTs have been able to delete/cancel a total of about 2.75 crore duplicate/bogus ration cards during the years 2013 to 2017 and are issuing new ration cards to rightfully eligible persons/households.

Further, the seeding of Aadhaar numbers has enabled the biometric authentication of beneficiaries at the time of lifting of foodgrains from FPSs, thereby ensuring the delivery of subsidised foodgrains to the right ration card holder/beneficiary.
