

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3448
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31ST MARCH, 2023

LEAKAGES IN PDS

3448 SMT. VANDANA CHAVAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has data on the total amount of leakages in the Public Distribution System;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the past five years;
- (c) the amount of leakage due to damage of foodgrains during transportation; and
- (d) whether Government is taking any steps to reduce the leakages in the system?

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(a) to (c): No leakage of foodgrains has been reported during transportation to the Fair Price Shops (FPSs).

(d): Under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), this Department is allocating foodgrains to States/UTs for distribution through the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) to the beneficiaries/households covered under NFSA.

Further, to bring reforms in the functioning of TPDS and to minimize the leakages and diversion of the subsidized foodgrains, the Department in association with all States/UTs had implemented a scheme on 'End to End Computerization of TPDS Operations' which inter-alia comprised digitization of ration cards/ beneficiaries' data, installation of electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices at all Fair Price Shops (FPSs), etc. for transparent distribution of foodgrains to all beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA). Presently, 100% ration cards are digitized in all States/UTs, Aadhaar seeding is completed with 100% ration card at the national level and about 5.3 Lakh (>99%) FPSs out of total 5.4 Lakh FPSs in the country have been automated by installing electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) for transparent distribution of foodgrains to the beneficiaries and to prevent the leakage of subsidized foodgrains.

Besides for proper monitoring and maintaining transparency in PDS operations in all States/UTs, this Department has developed a national portal i.e. annavitran.nic.in for monitoring of foodgrains distribution, and nfsa.gov.in for monitoring of other PDS operations.
