

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2427  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**EFFORTS TO MAKE A 'VIKSIT BHARAT' BY 2047**

2427 SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

Will the Minister of *Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution* be pleased to state:

- (a) the efforts made by the Ministry to achieve the vision to make the country a developed nation by 2047 in the last five years;
- (b) whether Government/Ministry has formulated any roadmap or action plan to realize the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 in the field of food and public distribution;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Ministry is evaluating new policies/schemes and legislative proposals based on their potential contribution towards achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R**  
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(a) to (e): Under Public Distribution System (PDS) reforms, ration cards/beneficiaries database have been completely (100%) digitized in all States/UTs, transparency portal and online grievance redressal facility/Toll-free number have been implemented in all States/UTs. Further online allocation has been implemented in all States/UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh, Puducherry and urban areas of Dadra & Nagar Haveli which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer scheme) and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/UTs. Presently, 99.8% ration cards are seeded with Aadhaar number at national level and almost all FPSs have been automated by installation of e-PoS devices for the distribution of food-grains in a transparent manner (electronically) through biometric /Aadhaar authentication of NFSA beneficiaries. Further, One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) for portability of Ration Cards is implemented in all 36 States/UTs, across the country, covering 100% NFSA beneficiaries.

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This Department is implementing the new Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART-PDS)" for the development & implementation of advanced integrated supply chain software in States/UTs.

The SMART PDS scheme envisages to strengthen the technology infrastructure in Public Distribution System (PDS) and introduce new technology driven reforms for transformative change in the entire PDS ecosystem covering NFSA and State schemes. Thus, SMART-PDS scheme is launched to sustain the Information Technology-led Reforms to be brought in the functioning of PDS operations by overcoming the state level technological limitations of PDS operations in all States/UTs in respect of IT Hardware, Software, and to institutionalize an integrated Central System covering all PDS related operations across all States/UTs.

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