

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1948
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18TH MARCH, 2025

ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD (ONORC) SCHEME

1948 # SHRI MITHLESH KUMAR:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries who have availed the benefit of subsidised food grains under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme from Financial Year 2021-22 to Financial Year 2024-25;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to ensure seamless integration of all States and Union Territories into the ONORC network; and
- (c) the measures being taken to increase awareness about and reach of the scheme among economically weaker sections?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): At present, One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) is seamlessly implemented in all 36 States/UTs, across the country. ONORC ensures nation-wide seamless portability of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) foodgrains distributed by the States/UTs. Through this technology driven reform, around 80 Crore PMGKAY beneficiaries, are empowered to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice, anywhere in the country, by using their same existing ration card with biometric authentication on an electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device. The details of ONORC transactions recorded are below:-

Financial Year	ONORC Transactions
(2021-2022)	35,52,02,239
(2022-2023)	39,33,25,515
(2023-2024)	31,16,52,839
(2024-2025)	32,75,79,384 (ongoing)

(c): A nationwide campaign has been carried out to create awareness among the PMGKAY beneficiaries about ONORC in different modes viz. FM/Radio channels, displaying audio visual spots at railway stations, banners, posters at outdoors and Fair Price Shops (FPSs), bus wraps etc. Apart from this States/UTs have also employed their own means for this campaigns.
