

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2756
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025

DIGITALISATION OF PDS

2756 DR. VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

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

- (a) the details of the total number of Fair Price Shops and Jan Poshan Kendras in the country, State-wise and district-wise for Punjab;
- (b) whether Government is planning to add millets in the Public Distribution System in place of rice and wheat for better nutritional food for the public; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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

(a): The total number of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) under NFSA are 5,43,259 across the country and the statement indicating the State-wise total number of FPSs is at Annexure-A. Further, the details of district-wise FPSs (operational) in Punjab are at Annexure-B.

Moreover, a study to transform a total 60 FPSs, i.e., 15 FPSs each from States/districts, into Jan Poshan Kendras (JPK), namely, Gujarat (Ahmedabad), Telangana (Hyderabad), Rajasthan (Jaipur) and Uttar Pradesh (Ghaziabad) has been initiated.

(b) and (c): Under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), foodgrains are being provided to States/UTs for distribution to around 80 crore beneficiaries through Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), free of cost from 1st January 2023. The term 'foodgrains' is defined as rice, wheat & coarse grains (including millets) or any combination thereof conforming to such quality norms as may be determined, by order, by the Central Government from time to time. In addition to this, the State/UT Governments may formulate food or nutrition based plans or schemes providing for benefits higher than the benefits provided under PMGKAY.

Coarse grains/ Millets are also allocated under PDS in lieu of equal quantity of wheat/rice (as requested by the State) while ensuring that the overall quantity of rice, wheat and coarse grains has to be within the upper ceiling fixed in respect of each State/UT.

Annexure-A

ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) of the RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2756 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 25.03.2025

Statement indicating State/UT – wise total number of Fair Price Shops under NFSA is as follows:

Sl.	States/UTs	Total No. of Fair Price Shops
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	416
2	Andhra Pradesh	29,791
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,680
4	Assam	34,300
5	Bihar	50,951
6	Chandigarh	NA
7	Chhattisgarh	13,675
8	Dadra & NH and Daman Diu	114
9	Delhi	1,993
10	Goa	452
11	Gujarat	16,949
12	Haryana	9,434
13	Himachal Pradesh	5,219
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6,737
15	Jharkhand	25,228
16	Karnataka	20,403
17	Kerala	13,913
18	Ladakh	404
19	Lakshadweep	39
20	Madhya Pradesh	27,377
21	Maharashtra	52,642
22	Manipur	2,339
23	Meghalaya	4,735
24	Mizoram	1,258
25	Nagaland	1,783
26	Odisha	12,044
27	Puducherry	NA
28	Punjab	18,150
29	Rajasthan	27,062
30	Sikkim	1,312
31	Tamil Nadu	34,805
32	Telangana	17,246
33	Tripura	2,057
34	Uttar Pradesh	79,216
35	Uttarakhand	9,059
36	West Bengal	20,476
National Summary		5,43,259

*Source- Food Bulletin dated 28.02.2025

Annexure-B**ANNEX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) of the RAJYA SABHA
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As per the information collected from District Offices, total number of operational Fair Price Shops in the State of Punjab as on 29.07.2024 is as under:

S. No.	District	No. of operational Fair Price Shops
1	Amritsar	1521
2	Barnala	253
3	Bathinda	485
4	Faridkot	408
5	Fatehgarh Sahib	258
6	Fazilka	556
7	Ferozepur	710
8	Gurdaspur	1128
9	Hoshiarpur	600
10	Jalandhar	734
11	Kapurthala	312
12	Ludhiana	1655
13	Malerkotla	219
14	Mansa	500
15	Moga	561
16	Pathankot	475
17	Patiala	809
18	Rupnagar	352
19	SAS Nagar	249
20	Sangrur	859
21	SBS Nagar	235
22	Sri Muktsar Sahib	549
23	Tarn Taran	993
G.TOTAL		14421
