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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2760 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025

AUDIT OF ANNA CHAKRA

2760 DR. ANIL SUKHDEORAO BONDE:

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

- (a) whether Government has conducted an independent audit or third-party review to verify the estimated savings of ₹250 crores per annum from the 'Anna Chakra' initiative;
- (b) the number of States that have successfully integrated 'Anna Chakra' with their logistics operations;
- (c) whether Government has conducted any beneficiary survey or impact assessment study to determine if 'Anna Chakra' has improved the timely delivery of food grains to FPSs; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Estimated savings from Anna Chakra Project are based on reductions in transportation cost, which is one of the benefits of Supply Chain Optimisation drive implemented in Public Distribution System (PDS). The savings are reported by the implementing States. As of now 25 states and Food Corporation of India have successfully integrated Anna Chakra with their logistics operations.

Apart from the estimated cost savings of around Rs 250 Crs, this project is also instrumental in reducing Carbon Emissions and sizably reduces transit time in PDS operations ensuring efficient delivery of foodgrains from Godowns to Fair Price shops.
