

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1803  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025**

**ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD IN TAMIL NADU**

**1803 SHRI R. DHARMAR:**

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

- (a): whether the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme has fully been implemented in Tamil Nadu;
- (b): the number of intra-state and inter-state migrants in Tamil Nadu who have availed benefits under the ONORC scheme during the last two years;
- (c): the steps taken to ensure that migrant workers from Tamil Nadu working in other States are able to access their entitled foodgrains without disruption; and
- (d): whether Government has addressed issues such as Aadhaar authentication failures, connectivity challenges or lack of awareness affecting ONORC implementation in Tamil Nadu?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

(a): The nationwide portability of ration cards, popularly known as One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) has been implemented in all 36 States/UTs (including Tamil Nadu), covering all Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beneficiaries.

(b): the number of intra-state and inter-state transactions in Tamil Nadu under the ONORC during the last two years is as below:

F. Y.	Intra-state	Inter-state
2023-24	37,63,678	3717
2024-25	49,82,061	4561

(c): ONORC facility has been enabled in all States/UTs and this facility is available to all beneficiaries including migrant workers from Tamil Nadu working outside the State.

(d): All States/UTs (including Tamil Nadu) have been advised that no genuine beneficiary/household shall be denied from receiving entitled quota of subsidized foodgrains due to failure of biometric/Aadhaar authentication, due to network/connectivity/linking related issues, other technical reasons or poor biometrics of the beneficiary.

The IEC campaign was carried out for wide dissemination of PMGKAY and ONORC amongst the public all over the country. It included the installation of Banners at selected public points and utilizing other media like jingles on radio, video clips on television, electronic/social media.

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