

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2596  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**TRANSFORMATION OF FPS INTO JAN POSHAN KENDRAS**

2596 **DR. KAVITA PATIDAR:**

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

- (a): whether Government has initiated the transformation of Fair Price Shops (FPS) into Jan Poshan Kendras;
- (b): if so, the details of this initiative; and
- (c): whether Government has considered imparting skill development training to FPS dealers, if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**  
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(a) and (b): The Department of Food and Public Distribution has undertaken a pilot study to transform Fair Price Shops (FPSs) into Jan Poshan Kendra (JPK). The Government of India has undertaken this pilot study to enhance the financial viability of FPS dealers while simultaneously focusing on improving the nutritional outcomes of the beneficiaries.

Currently, under this Pilot study, 90 FPSs have been converted to JPKs, i.e., 15 each from 4 cities, namely Hyderabad, Ghaziabad, Jaipur, Ahmedabad and 30 from Indore.

(c): To address the skill development challenges faced by Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealers, the department has imparted capacity building training through National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development (NIESBUD), Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) by focusing particularly on digital literacy, financial literacy, and entrepreneurial skills necessary to adapt to market changes and explore new business opportunities.

So far 325 (approx.) FPS dealers across nine states namely Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Telangana, Karnataka, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu & Bihar have been trained under this initiative.

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