

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

RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2908  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

PILOTING SMART RATION CARDS

2908 SMT. SULATA DEO:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry will support Odisha in piloting smart ration cards and AI-based demand forecasting for foodgrain distribution efficiency in urban slums; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

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

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(a) & (b): There is no proposal under consideration of Department to support Odisha in piloting smart ration cards and AI-based demand forecasting for foodgrain distribution efficiency in urban slums.

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