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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1791
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16TH DECEMBER, 2025

ONORC PORTABILITY

1791 SMT. REKHA SHARMA:

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

- (a) the number of One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) transactions;
- (b) the benefits for women and migrant workers from ONORC; and
- (c) the steps proposed to enhance portability of Ration Cards?

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(a) to (c): To date, more than 197 crore portability transactions have been recorded under ONORC, covering both inter-State and intra-State.

The nationwide portability of ration cards popularly known as One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) feature is enabled in all 36 States/UTs. Through this technology driven reform, around 80 Crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beneficiaries are empowered to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice, anywhere in the country, by using their same existing ration card with biometric authentication on an electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device. The family back home can also lift the part of the PMGKAY foodgrains in the home State/UT on the same ration card.

The ONORC facility is automatically available to all eligible PMGKAY beneficiaries without any additional requirement. It has been implemented seamlessly to cover 100% PMGKAY beneficiaries (including women and migrant workers). The high number of portability transactions shows wide acceptance of ONORC among PMGKAY beneficiaries.
