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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

FOOD SECURITY MACHINERY IN RAIGARH

201 # **SHRI DHAIRYASHIL MOHAN PATIL:**

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

- (a) the number of beneficiary families under NFSA-2013 in Raigarh district;
- (b) the process of selection of Raigarh for e-ration card digitization and smart ration card pilot and the timeline therefor;
- (c) the percentage of FPSs connected with AePDS and e-PoS;
- (d) the number of inter-State and intra-district portability transactions under ONORC; and
- (e) the cent percent implementation status of route optimization under SMART-PDS (2023-26)?

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- (a): The number of beneficiary families under NFSA-2013 in Raigarh district, Maharashtra, as on date is 4,49,924.
- (b): All Ration cards in the Raigarh district are fully digitized. As no smart ration card pilot has been initiated by this Department, no timeline has been formulated.
- (c): At present, 100% FPS shops are connected with AePDS and e-PoS in Raigarh district, Maharashtra.

(d): The number of inter-state and intra-district portability transactions till date under ONORC in Maharashtra (including Raigarh district) is as below:

Portability transaction	
Inter State	5,910
Intra State	8,58,102

(e): Route optimization is carried out using the Anna Chakra tool, which is operational in all States/UTs. The tool analyses depot and FPS locations to generate the most efficient logistics routes, helping streamline movement from State Food Depots/FCI depots to Fair Price Shops.