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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 206
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2ND DECEMBER, 2025

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NFSA IN BIHAR

206 **SHRI AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH:**

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

- (a) whether the Ministry has reviewed the implementation of the National Food Security Act in Bihar with respect to the quality and timely delivery of rations;
- (b) the total number of ration cardholders and Fair Price Shops digitised under the One Nation One Ration Card scheme as of November, 2025; and
- (c) the measures adopted to curb diversion and pilferage of foodgrains through real-time GPS-based monitoring of transport vehicles?

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(a): The National Food Security Act, 2013 is being successfully implemented in all the States/UTs including the State of Bihar. The Act provides for coverage of 85.12% of the rural and 74.53% of the urban population for the State of Bihar, for receiving free of cost foodgrains, which at Census 2011 comes to 871.16 lakh persons. The State of Bihar has identified the beneficiaries upto maximum permissible limit *i.e.* 871.16 lakh persons. Only good quality foodgrains free from insect infestation and conforming to food safety standards are issued through the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under NFSA.

(b) In total 2,08,67,190 ration card holders and 51,965 Fair Price Shops have been digitised in Bihar State under the One Nation One Ration Card scheme till date.

(c): A GPS enabled live tracking solution *viz.* Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS) has been developed by the Department. This project aims to introduce a vehicle tracking system for continuous monitoring of vehicles used to transport foodgrains in order to preventing the pilferage/theft of PDS foodgrains during movement.
