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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2746  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026

**IMPLEMENTATION OF ONORC**

**2746 SHRI R. DHARMAR:**

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

- (a): the current status of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme and the number of States and UTs that have implemented it so far;
- (b): the benefits extended to beneficiaries under this scheme, especially migrant workers and their families across the country including Tamil Nadu;
- (c): the steps being taken to address any challenges or issues faced in the smooth implementation of the scheme;
- (d): whether there are any plans to cover all States and UTs under this scheme; and
- (e): if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R**

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

(a) & (b): The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) is a technology-driven initiative of the Department of Food and Public Distribution that enables nationwide portability of ration cards for beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). The system allows eligible beneficiaries, particularly migrant workers and other mobile populations, to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country through Aadhaar-based biometric authentication using ePoS devices. The system integrates ration card databases of all States/UTs and facilitates seamless portability through interoperable ePoS devices deployed at Fair Price Shops. To date, more than 207 crore portability transactions in country (including more than 2.12 crore in Tamil Nadu) have been recorded under ONORC, covering both inter-State and intra-State.

(c) to (e): The implementation of ONORC was carried out in a phased manner, beginning with pilot inter-State portability transactions in August 2019, followed by gradual onboarding of States/UTs. At present, ONORC has been successfully implemented across all 36 States and Union Territories, covering about 80 crore NFSA beneficiaries (100% of the NFSA population). Accordingly, the ONORC facility is now automatically available to all PMGKAY beneficiaries across the country.

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