

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

**RAJYA SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2754  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**PORTABILITY OF RATION ENTITLEMENT FOR MIGRANT WORKERS**

**2754 SHRI RAJINDER GUPTA:**

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

- (a): whether steps have been taken to ensure portability of ration entitlements for migrant workers under the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme;
- (b): the number of portability transactions conducted during the last five years, year-wise and State/UT-wise, and unique beneficiaries covered;
- (c): the number of States and Union Territories integrated with the ONORC platform and reasons for any gaps;
- (d): whether any assessment has been conducted on migrant workers' awareness and access issues and the findings thereof; and
- (e): the measures taken to provide food security support to unregistered migrant and seasonal workers?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
**(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)**

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- (a): 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.
- (b): The number of portability transactions conducted during the last five years, year-wise and State/UT-wise is at **Annexure**.

(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. High number of Portability transactions shows wide acceptability ONORC feature among NFSA beneficiaries.

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**Portability transactions conducted during the last five years, year-wise  
and State/UT-wise**

State Name	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	11,252	14,212	16,485	21,135	4,481
ANDHRA PRADESH	22,737,247	23,479,103	25,217,768	27,325,928	4,521,355
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	-	91	-	-
ASSAM	708,799	730,789	346,582	324,371	68,347
BIHAR	75,158,669	91,089,751	108,642,685	132,321,057	14,511,968
CHHATTISGARH	-	70	3,892	2,475,288	1,447,959
DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	-	98,389	148,114	174,049	37,432
DELHI	2,002,419	5,103,728	13,387,950	14,766,996	2,858,201
GOA	11,299	22,929	52,852	76,652	14,916
GUJARAT	1,096,806	1,441,635	2,038,082	2,624,568	564,345
HARYANA	7,404,828	11,968,023	21,557,110	23,315,748	3,378,479
HIMACHAL PRADESH	852	38,271	117,699	31	-
JAMMU AND KASHMIR	437,239	662,628	899,055	982,566	166,794
JHARKHAND	2,536,220	3,329,941	4,547,607	4,775,773	672,930
KARNATAKA	11,792,668	12,562,920	12,465,740	11,769,583	1,965,708
KERALA	16,595,409	13,527,206	14,965,803	16,301,332	3,033,930
LADAKH	-	205	3,026	9,297	1,955
LAKSHADWEEP	4,844	11,056	19,961	18,036	3,246
MADHYA PRADESH	9,945,128	14,581,063	16,907,385	18,244,226	3,577,824
MAHARASHTRA	11,171,528	11,982,247	14,148,343	15,537,152	3,019,880
MANIPUR	-	1	-	-	-
MEGHALAYA	61	150	253	302	37
MIZORAM	2,210	7,341	12,460	32,155	9,260
NAGALAND	12,054	20,428	30,538	47,160	5,318
ODISHA	873,195	798,167	990,415	1,471,888	639,644
PUNJAB	3,241,769	3,134,456	12,713,948	16,151,502	3,209,519
RAJASTHAN	20,712,862	26,937,165	28,436,912	31,952,159	5,751,159
SIKKIM	5,297	7,098	27,658	9,734	1,650
TAMIL NADU	2,717,752	3,834,179	4,798,325	5,567,456	931,571
TELANGANA	-	12,605	20,371,293	22,116,172	3,916,161
TRIPURA	356,194	409,372	355,165	394,796	72,144
UTTAR PRADESH	20,454,839	29,813,083	36,643,303	42,789,286	8,031,112
UTTARAKHAND	178,996	276,926	343,061	430,717	68,524
WEST BENGAL	3,844,004	4,061,156	4,669,438	3,763,494	710,211
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>214,014,440</b>	<b>259,956,293</b>	<b>344,878,999</b>	<b>395,790,612</b>	<b>63,196,060</b>