

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2214
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH November, 2016
PERFORMANCE OF MAHARASHTRA IN PDS

2214. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the best performance of Maharashtra in Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, whether the success story of Maharashtra model would be replicated in other States of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (c): With an aim to improve the functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), the best practices followed by States/UTs are shared with other States/UTs on a regular basis through advisories, meetings, conferences, etc.

The performance of Public Distribution System (PDS) in a State/UT is determined mainly on four factors namely - (1) Digitization of ration cards (2) Online allocation (3) Computerization of supply chain and (4) Fair Price Shop automation.

All States/UTs including Maharashtra have completed 100% digitization of ration cards/beneficiaries. Online allocation and supply chain management is implemented in 29 States/UTs and 19 States/UTs respectively including Maharashtra State. The Maharashtra State has achieved 87% of seeding of Aadhar with ration card, while across the country this figure is 71%. 1.76 lakh Fair Price Shop (FPS) have been automated across the country. However, out of 51500 FPSs in the state, only 93 FPSs have been automated in Maharashtra.
