

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2269  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>TH</sup> November, 2016

LIST OF PEOPLE LIVING BPL

2269. SHRI AJAY NISHAD:

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

- (a) whether the Government has directed State Governments to review the list of people living below poverty line/ Antyodya Anna Yojana and renew the ration cards to remove the forged cards and ineligible beneficiaries from the list and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether some States have failed to comply with the directions of Union Government and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor and the remedial measures taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce biometric ration cards; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) (Control) Order, 2015 and TPDS (Control) Order, 2001, stipulate that State Government shall make all endeavours to eliminate bogus or ineligible ration cards as a continuous exercise. Further, the State Government shall organize an annual special drive before the end of every financial year for the elimination of bogus or ineligible ration cards.

Accordingly, State/UT Governments have been requested from time to time to carry out drives for reviewing the list of beneficiaries under TPDS.

(c) & (d): Under the plan scheme on 'End-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations' all States/UTs are inter-alia required to digitize the ration cards/beneficiary data as per e-Gov standards and also to seed available Aadhaar numbers, which are linked to biometric data. This helps in weeding out bogus /ineligible beneficiaries and include the eligible beneficiaries.

At present, overall Aadhaar seeding stands at 71.03% at the National level.