

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2017

SMART CARDS FOR PDS

*167. SHRI GODSE HEMANT TUKARAM:
SHRI BHARAT SINGH:

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 proposes to use Smart Card Technology in the Public Distribution System (PDS) and if so, the details and the objectives thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has consulted the States in this regard and if so, the response of the States thereto;
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government for effective implementation and bringing transparency in PDS;
- (d) whether the Government has taken a decision to set up shops under PDS in all wards of Gram Panchayats all over the country; and
- (e) if so, the number of Panchayats in the country where this scheme has been implemented, State-wise?

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MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (E) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 167* DUE FOR ANSWER ON 14.03.2017 IN THE LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): No, Madam.

(c): For effective implementation and bringing transparency in Public Distribution System (PDS), Government has initiated implementation of a Plan scheme on "End-to-end Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) Operations" during 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17). The component-I of the scheme comprises digitization of ration cards/beneficiary and other databases, online allocation, computerization of supply-chain management, setting up of transparency portal and grievance redressal mechanisms. Besides, Central Govt. has also asked States/UTs to opt for any of the two models of Direct Benefit Transfer – Cash transfer of food subsidy into the bank account of beneficiaries or fair price shop (FPS) automation, which involves installation of Point of Sale (PoS) device at FPS, for authentication of beneficiaries and electronic capturing of transactions. The cash transfer of food subsidy is being implemented in 3 UTs namely Chandigarh, Puducherry w.e.f. 01-09-2015 and partially in Dadra & Nagar Haveli w.e.f. 01-03-2016. For remaining areas, States/UTs have been asked to expedite the pace of Fair Price Shop (FPS) automation. So far, more than 1.78 lakhs FPSs are automated across the country. A statement showing the progress made under 'End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operation' is at Annexure.

(d) & (e): Under NFSA 75% of the rural population and 50% of urban population totalling 67% of the total population of country i.e. 81 crores beneficiaries are covered. All the gram panchayats of the country are covered under the NFSA and the scheme. A total of 5.26 lakh FPSs are operational across the country. As per clause 9 of TPDS (Control order), 2015, the license to FPS shall be issued by State Government and preference shall be accorded to public institutions or public bodies such as panchayats, self help groups, cooperative societies in licensing of fair price shops and management of fair price shops by women or their collectives. Besides, the State Government shall ensure that the number of ration card holders attached to a fair price shops are reasonable, the fair price shop is so located that the consumer or ration card holder does not have to face difficulties to reach the fair price shop and that proper coverage is ensured in hilly, desert, tribal and such other areas difficult to access.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO 167 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH MARCH, 2017 IN LOK SABHA.

Statement on End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations

(as on 07.03.2017)

Sl.	States/UTs	Digitization of Ration Cards	Aadhaar Seeding in RCs	Online Allocation of Foodgrains	Automation of Supply-chain Management	Transparency Portal	Online Grievance Redressal	Toll Free Helpline Numbers	Operational ePoS
1	Andhra Pradesh	100%	100%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	29,082
2	Andaman & Nicobar	100%	97%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	290
3	Arunachal Pradesh	100%	44.5%	-	-	Yes	-	Yes	0
4	Assam	100%	0%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
5	Bihar	100%	39%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	59
6	Chandigarh	100%	100%	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	DBT (Cash)
7	Chhattisgarh	100%	97%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	12,171
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	100%	94%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	62
9	Daman & Diu	100%	100%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	51
10	Delhi	100%	100%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	28
11	Goa	100%	88%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	42
12	Gujarat	100%	91%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	17,077
13	Haryana	100%	91%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	9,427
14	Himachal Pradesh	100%	96%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
15	Jammu and Kashmir	100%	62%	Up to TSOs	-	Yes	-	Yes	0
16	Jharkhand	100%	96%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	20,361
17	Karnataka	100%	98%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	3,877
18	Kerala	100%	98%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
19	Lakshadweep	100%	97%	-	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	100%	87%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	22,409
21	Maharashtra	100%	87%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	195
22	Manipur	100%	1.28%	Partial	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
23	Meghalaya	100%	0%	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
24	Mizoram	100%	11.86%	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
25	Nagaland	100%	6.50%	-	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
26	Odisha	100%	86%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	226
27	Puducherry	100%	100%	NA	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	DBT (Cash)
28	Punjab	100%	97%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
29	Rajasthan	100%	95%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	25,721
30	Sikkim	100%	72%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	20
31	Tamil Nadu	100%	99%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	34,774
32	Telangana	100%	100%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	1,622
33	Tripura	100%	93%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	100%	74%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	750
35	Uttarakhand	100%	90%	Implemented	-	Yes	Yes	Yes	8
36	West Bengal	100%	61%	Implemented	Implemented	Yes	Yes	Yes	0
		100%	75.45%	29	20	36	34	36	1,78,277