

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5235
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH MARCH, 2018
PDS SHOPS

5235. SHRIMATI NEELAM SONKER:

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

- (a) whether a number of Public Distribution System (PDS) Shops are functioning in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and district-wise;
- (c) the names of the food items being made available by the Government to poor beneficiaries at lower costs through public distribution system shops;
- (d) whether the poor quality foodgrains are being distributed to the people by these public distribution system shops; and
- (e) whether recently the Government has received complaints regarding distribution of poor quality foodgrains to the people and if so, action taken by the Government in this regard?

A N S W E R

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

(a) & (b): There are 5.27 lakhs Fair Price Shops (FPSs) operational across the country. A Statewise statement showing the number of Fair Price Shops is Annexed.

(c): The eligible households are entitled to receive subsidised foodgrains i.e. rice, wheat, coarsegrains or any combination thereof under TPDS. The Central issue price for Rice, Wheat and Coarsegrains is Rs 3/-, Rs. 2/- and Rs. 1/- per kg respectively.

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(d) & (e): Public Distribution System (PDS) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and State/UT Governments. Central Govt. is responsible for procurement, allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the FCI. The operational responsibility for allocation and distribution of foodgrains within the States/UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries/families, issuance of ration cards to them and supervision and monitoring of functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) rest with the concerned State/UT Government. Instructions have been issued to States/UTs and Food Corporation of India (FCI) to ensure supply of good quality foodgrains under PDS. Therefore, as and when complaints are received by the Government from individuals and organizations as well as through press reports, they are sent to State/UT Governments concerned for inquiry and appropriate action.

An offence committed in violation of the provisions of TPDS (C) Order, 2015 is liable for penal action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Thus, the Order empower State/UT Governments to take punitive action in case of contravention of relevant provisions of these Orders.

**Statement indicating State-wise total No. of Fair Price Shops (उचित दर दुकानों के राज्यm-वक्की कुल संख्याा को दर्शाने वाला विवरण)
(Compilation of information received from States/UTs by 09.01.2018)**

(दिनांक 09.01.2018 तक राज्य/संघ राज्य क्षेत्र से प्राप्त सूचना का संकलन)

Sl. क्र.सं.	States/UTs राज्य/ संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों	Total No. of Fair Price Shops उचित दर दुकानों की कुल संख्याc
1	A&N Island अंडमान और निकोबार द्वीप समूह	482
2	Andhra Pradesh आंध्र प्रदेश	28,663
3	Arunachal Pradesh अरुणाचल प्रदेश	1,731
4	Assam असम	38,238
5	Bihar बिहार	41,483
6	Chandigarh चंडीगढ़	0
7	Chhattisgarh छत्तीसगढ़	12,308
8	D & N Haveli दा. एवं न. हवेली	62
9	Daman & Diu दमण एवं दीव	51
10	Delhi दिल्ली	2,254
11	Goa गोआ	446
12	Gujarat गुजरात	17,210
13	Haryana हरियाणा	9,491
14	Himachal Pradesh हिमाचल प्रदेश	4,924
15	Jammu & Kashmir जम्मू-कश्मीर	5,970
16	Jharkhand झारखंड	23,356
17	Karnataka कर्नाटक	20,335
18	Kerala केरल	14,335
19	Lakshadweep लक्षद्वीप	39
20	Madhya Pradesh मध्यप्रदेश	22,469
21	Maharashtra महाराष्ट्र	52,505
22	Manipur मणिपुर	2,154
23	Meghalaya मेघालय	4,651
24	Mizoram मिजोरम	1,247
25	Nagaland नागालैंड	1,691
26	Odisha ओड़ीशा	13,306
27	Pudducherry पुडुचेरी	0
28	Punjab पंजाब	16,657
29	Rajasthan राजस्थान	26,207
30	Sikkim सिक्किम	1,421
31	Tamil Nadu तमिलनाडु	34,773
32	Telangana तेलंगाना	17,457
33	Tripura त्रिपुरा	1,807
34	Uttar Pradesh उत्तर प्रदेश	80,772
35	Uttarakhand उत्तराखंड	9,212
36	West Bengal प. बंगाल	20,278
Total जोड़		5,27,985