

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5786  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2018

PORTABILITY IN PDS

5786. SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA:  
DR. RAVINDRA KUMAR RAY:

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 is contemplating to introduce portability facility in Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the benefits of portability; and
- (d) the number of ration cards linked so far to Aadhaar in the country as on date and the number of PDS machines installed in ration shops, State-wise?

A N S W E R

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

(a) to (c): A new central sector scheme namely "Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS)" has been approved for implementation during 2018-19 and 2019-20. The key objectives of the scheme are to integrate PDS system/portals of States/UTs with Central System/portals, introduction of National Portability, and National level de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiary, etc.

The new scheme will bring efficiency in distribution of foodgrains as it will provide the option to PDS beneficiaries to lift their entitled foodgrains from the Fair Price Shops of their choice at the national level. Presently, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi have started portability at the State level, and Karnataka, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Telangana have also started portability in the few FPS areas within the State.

(d): At present Aadhaar seeding in Public Distribution System (PDS) at National Level is 82.39% against the total 23.27 crore ration cards. Out of 5.27 lakh FPSs, electronic Point of Sale (e-PoS) devices have been installed in 3.02 lakh FPSs across the country for the biometric/Aadhaar authentication of eligible beneficiaries, electronic capturing of sale transactions at FPSs etc. The State-wise details of ration cards seeded with Aadhaar and the number of e-PoS devices installed at FPSs is at Annexure.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF THE  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5786 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 03.04.2018  
IN THE LOK SABHA.

**regarding 'Portability in PDS'**

**Status of Aadhaar seeding with ration cards and ePoS installation  
(as on 27.03.2018)**

Sl.	States/UTs	Total Number of Ration Cards	Number of Ration cards seeded with Aadhaar	Aadhaar Seeding in RCs	Total No. of Fair Price Shops	No. of FPSs with Operational ePoS
1	Andhra Pradesh	94,27,381	94,27,381	100%	28,663	28,663
2	A & N Islands	12,922	12,922	100%	482	373
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,76,342	78,473	45%	1,731	0
4	Assam	57,63,737	0	0%	38,238	109
5	Bihar	1,54,01,000	1,27,14,407	83%	41,483	62
6	Chandigarh	63,187	63,187	100%	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	53,69,000	53,08,000	99%	12,292	11,898
8	D & N Haveli	42,555	42,555	100%	62	62
9	Daman & Diu	23,472	23,472	100%	51	51
10	Delhi	19,41,750	19,41,750	100%	2,254	2,217
11	Goa	1,39,941	1,39,611	100%	450	42
12	Gujarat	71,81,521	69,49,921	97%	17,210	17,210
13	Haryana	29,62,790	26,47,948	89%	9,413	9,413
14	Himachal Pradesh	7,13,096	6,63,471	93%	4,924	4,905
15	Jammu & Kashmir	16,67,229	9,87,806	59%	6,583	4,076
16	Jharkhand	57,25,982	55,58,234	97%	23,356	23,115
17	Karnataka	1,15,71,715	1,15,54,076	100%	20,319	18,573
18	Kerala	35,02,509	34,44,042	98%	14,335	3,000
19	Lakshadweep	5,110	5,005	98%	39	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,16,39,786	1,07,71,713	93%	22,469	22,469
21	Maharashtra	1,48,28,050	1,29,11,973	87%	52,147	51,987
22	Manipur	5,55,528	1,69,829	30.57%	2,154	0
23	Meghalaya	4,21,548	0	0%	4,651	0
24	Mizoram	1,45,254	1,11,714	76%	1,249	0
25	Nagaland	2,84,934	1,28,860	45%	1,691	0
26	Odisha	86,69,686	79,75,396	92%	12,577	12,577
27	Puducherry	1,69,784	1,69,784	100%	0	0
28	Punjab	34,54,404	33,75,311	98%	16,657	180
29	Rajasthan	99,85,415	95,63,410	96%	26,237	26,080
30	Sikkim	96,306	83,362	87%	1,421	80
31	Tamil Nadu	99,78,902	99,85,517	100%	34,773	34,773
32	Telangana	49,27,847	49,27,847	100%	17,027	17,027
33	Tripura	5,88,557	5,74,871	98%	1,806	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	3,37,18,876	3,02,68,256	90%	81,088	13,202
35	Uttarakhand	13,30,404	11,97,364	90%	9,212	8
36	West Bengal	6,01,85,752	3,79,30,606	63%	20,278	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>23,26,72,272</b>	<b>19,17,08,074</b>	<b>82.39%</b>	<b>5,27,322</b>	<b>3,02,177</b>

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