

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2018

DIGITIZATION OF PDS

2270. SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY:

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

- (a) whether all the States in the country have taken the progressive steps to digitizing fair price shops/ration shops, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor including the reasons for their inability to commence the process of digitization, Statewise;
- (c) the total number of fair price shops/ration shops that have been digitized over the last three years, year and Statewise including Bihar;
- (d) whether end to end digitization of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is facing any hurdles in its implementation, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to fast track digitization of PDS?

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

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(a) to (c): Department of Food and Public Distribution in collaboration with States/UTs is implementing a scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations' to improve the efficiency and transparency in Public Distribution System (PDS) operations. Under Component-II of scheme comprises automation of Fair Price Shops (FPSs), which involves installation of electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices at FPSs for authentication of beneficiaries and electronic recording of sale transactions. Presently, as per information received from States/UTs, out of total 5.29 lakh FPSs across the country, about 3.3 lakh FPSs have been automated so far. A statement showing automation of FPSs during last three years (State-wise including Bihar) is at Annexure.

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(d) & (e): Initially the implementation of the scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations' was slow and uneven across the country due to delay in finalization of action plans by States/UTs, late submission of their proposal for financial assistance and practical problems faced during the implementation. However, due to vigorous efforts and regular monitoring of the project there has been significant progress in implementation of the scheme. Ration cards have been completely digitized in all States/UTs, transparency portal and online grievance redressal facility/Toll-free number have been implemented in all States/UTs, online allocation has been implemented in 30 States/UTs and supply chain has been computerized in 21 States/UTs. Progress is being monitored vigorously to ensure the automation of the remaining FPSs and Computerisation of Supply Chain Management in all States/UTs.

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## ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2270 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 31.07.2018 IN THE LOK SABHA.

**Statement showing status of FPS automation during last three years**

Sl. No.	States/UTS	Total No. of FPSs automation last three years		
		Dec' 2015 Operational ePoS	Dec' 2016 Operational ePoS	Dec' 2017 Operational ePoS
1	Andhra Pradesh	29,082	29,082	28,663
2	Andaman & Nicobar	290	290	373
3	Arunachal Pradesh			
4	Assam			
5	Bihar			59
6	Chandigarh (on DBT Cash Transfers w.e.f Sept' 2015)	DBT	DBT	
7	Chhattisgarh	12,128	12,128	11,899
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (on DBT Cash Transfers in few urban areas w.e.f March' 2016)	62	62	62
9	Daman & Diu	51	51	51
10	Delhi	28	28	90
11	Goa	42	42	42
12	Gujarat	17,052	17,052	17,209
13	Haryana	8,969	8,969	9,491
14	Himachal Pradesh			4,888
15	Jammu and Kashmir			
16	Jharkhand	20,361	20,361	23,115
17	Karnataka	3,877	3,877	16,143
18	Kerala			
19	Lakshadweep			
20	Madhya Pradesh	22,409	22,409	22,469
21	Maharashtra	93	93	51,079
22	Manipur			
23	Meghalaya			
24	Mizoram			
25	Nagaland			
26	Odisha	32	32	13,306
27	Puducherry (on DBT Cash Transfers w.e.f Sept' 2015)	DBT	DBT	
28	Punjab			
29	Rajasthan	25,721	25,721	25,793
30	Sikkim	20	20	44
31	Tamil Nadu	34,769	34,769	34,773
32	Telangana	1,622	1,622	11,339
33	Tripura	25	25	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	750	750	13,186
35	Uttarakhand	8	8	8
36	West Bengal			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,77,391</b>	<b>1,77,391</b>	<b>2,84,107</b>

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