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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 531 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JUNE, 2019

STARVATION DEATHS IN MAHARASHTRA

†531. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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

(a) the number of Antyodaya Ration Cards cancelled till date in Maharashtra in the financial year 2018-19 along with the details of Government procedure afterwards;

(b) the details of starvation deaths in the year 2015 in Maharashtra; and

(c) the measures taken or contemplated by the Government to stop deaths due to starvation?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): As reported by State Government of Maharashtra, about 1,11,569 Antyodaya Cards having 1 and 2 members have been shifted to Priority Households beneficiaries in the year 2018-19.

Further, no starvation deaths are reported in Maharashtra in the year 2015 due to non-allocation/distribution of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System.

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