

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 624
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25th JUNE, 2019

DIGITIZATION OF PDS

624. 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, State-wise;
- (b) if not, the reasons for their inability to commence the process of digitization;
- (c) the total number of fair price shops/ ration shops that have been digitized during each of the last three years, State-wise including Bihar;
- (d) whether end-to-end digitization of the Public Distribution System (PDS) is facing any hurdles in its implementation, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government to fast-track digitization of PDS?

A N S W E R

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

(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 5.34 lakh FPSs across the country, about 4.12 lakh FPSs have been automated so far. A statement showing automation of FPSs during last three years (State-wise including Bihar) is at Annexure.

(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 34 States/UTs and supply chain has been computerized in 26 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.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.624 DUE FOR ANSWERED ON 25th JUNE, 2019 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement showing status of FPS automation during last three years

Sl. No.	States/UTS	Total No. of FPSs automation			
		Dec' 2016 Operational ePoS	Dec' 2017 Operational ePoS	Dec' 2018 Operational ePoS	Upto 12-06-2019 Operational ePoS
1	Andhra Pradesh	29,082	28,663	28,663	28,936
2	Andaman & Nicobar	290	373	401	459
3	Arunachal Pradesh			28	25
4	Assam			109	
5	Bihar		59	62	62
6	Chandigarh (on DBT Cash Transfers w.e.f Sept' 2015)	DBT			
7	Chhattisgarh	12,128	11,899	11,953	11,974
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli (on DBT Cash Transfers in few urban areas w.e.f March' 2016)	62	62	62	63
9	Daman & Diu	51	51	51	51
10	Delhi	28	90		
11	Goa	42	42	406	456
12	Gujarat	17,052	17,209	17,210	17,210
13	Haryana	8,969	9,491	9,317	9,526
14	Himachal Pradesh		4,888	4,933	4,933
15	Jammu and Kashmir			6,411	6,411
16	Jharkhand	20,361	23,115	23,926	25,532
17	Karnataka	3,877	16,143	19,013	19,514
18	Kerala			14,370	14,299

19	Lakshadweep			39	39
20	Madhya Pradesh	22,409	22,469	23,661	24,619
21	Maharashtra	93	51,079	52,532	52,532
22	Manipur				
23	Meghalaya			10	10
24	Mizoram				
25	Nagaland				
26	Odisha	32	13,306	12,577	12,577
27	Puducherry (on DBT Cash Transfers w.e.f Sept' 2015)	DBT			
28	Punjab			16,000	17,525
29	Rajasthan	25,721	25,793	25,579	26,063
30	Sikkim	20	44	1,325	1,352
31	Tamil Nadu	34,769	34,773	34,776	34,776
32	Telangana	1,622	11,339	17,170	17,170
33	Tripura	25	25	1,806	1,806
34	Uttar Pradesh	750	13,186	37,202	80,493
35	Uttarakhand	8	8	2,213	3,271
36	West Bengal			366	366
Total		1,77,391	2,84,107	3,62,171	4,12,050
