

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

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2327  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2022

COMPUTERISATION OF PDS

†2327. SHRI VIVEK NARAYAN SHEJWALKAR:  
SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

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

- (a) the salient features of the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) the steps taken by the Government for digitalization of fair price shops for making food and public distribution system more transparent in all the States of the Country;
- (c) the number of PDS shops which are computerised across the country, State/UT-wise including Gujarat;
- (d) whether any time limit has been fixed for completion of computerisation of PDS across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise including Gujarat; and
- (e) whether any technical snags are being faced in implementation of digitalization of public distribution system and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (e): The Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) is operated under the provisions of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) for distributing highly subsidised foodgrains every month to around 80 Crore beneficiaries, nearly two-third of the country's population as per the Census of 2011. This Department, in association with all States/UTs, has implemented a scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) Operations' including automation of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) to bring transparency and efficiency in the allocation and distribution of highly subsidised foodgrains to beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). So far, nearly 5.33 Lakh out of total 5.34 Lakh FPSs in the country (including Gujarat) have been automated by installing ePoS devices. Also, ration cards/beneficiaries database 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 all States/UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh and Puducherry which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer scheme) and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/UTs. The government has made necessary provisions to ensure that no genuine beneficiary denied the entitled quota of foodgrains in the event of the occurrence of technical snags like biometric failure, lack of connectivity etc. At present about 94% (average of last 3 months) of foodgrains are distributed through biometric (Aadhaar) authentication. A statement showing State/UT wise total number of FPSs and computerized/automated FPSs is Annexed.

**ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (e) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2327 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 21.12.2022 IN THE LOK SABHA.**

**Statement showing State/UT wise total number of FPSs and computerized/automated Fair Price Shops (FPSs)**

Sl.	States/UTs	FAIR PRICE SHOP (FPS) AUTOMATION		
		Total No. of Fair Price Shops	No. of Fair Price Shops with distribution through ePoS	% Fair Price Shops Automation
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	429	429	100%
2	Andhra Pradesh	28,936	28,936	100%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,640	1,635	100%
4	Assam	34,270	33,505	97.8%
5	Bihar	47,032	47,021	100%
6	Chandigarh	NA	NA	NA
7	Chhattisgarh	12,304	12,004	98%
8	Dadra & NH and Daman Diu	114	114	100%
9	Delhi	1,998	1,998	100%
10	Goa	451	450	100%
11	Gujarat	17,048	17,048	100%
12	Haryana	9,526	9,526	100%
13	Himachal Pradesh	4,934	4,934	100%
14	Jammu & Kashmir	6,737	6,737	100%
15	Jharkhand	25,532	25,532	100%
16	Karnataka	20,044	20,044	100%
17	Kerala	14,189	14,155	100%
18	Ladakh	409	409	100%
19	Lakshadweep	39	39	100%
20	Madhya Pradesh	25,435	25,435	100%
21	Maharashtra	52,532	52,532	100%
22	Manipur	2,765	2,765	100%
23	Meghalaya	4,735	4,727	100%
24	Mizoram	1,245	1,244	100%
25	Nagaland	1,629	1,628	100%
26	Odisha	12,577	12,577	100%
27	Puducherry	NA	NA	NA
28	Punjab	17,525	17,525	100%
29	Rajasthan	25,682	25,579	100%
30	Sikkim	1,316	1,316	100%
31	Tamil Nadu	34,776	34,776	100%
32	Telangana	17,170	17,170	100%
33	Tripura	1,806	1,806	100%
34	Uttarakhand	9,200	9,200	100%
35	Uttar Pradesh	79,612	79,612	100%
36	West Bengal	20,261	20,261	100%
<b>National Summary</b>		<b>5,33,898</b>	<b>5,32,669</b>	<b>99.8%</b>

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