

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.9
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7TH DECEMBER, 2022

RANKING STATES IN TERMS OF FOOD AND NUTRITION

†9. **SHRIMATI RANJEETA KOLI:**
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARASWATI:
DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:
SHRI BALAK NATH:

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 has accorded ranks to the States in terms of food and nutrition;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including Rajasthan;
- (c) the model of the highest category State in terms of food and nutrition;
- (d) whether the Government is implementing the food and nutrition mode of top-ranked States at the national level; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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 (c): Yes Sir, to evaluate the implementation of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) and Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) operations across the states and Union Territories, the Government has released first ever State Ranking Index for the NFSA on 5th of July, 2022.

The Index rests upon three pillars that consider various facets of food security and nutrition. Each pillar has parameters and sub-parameters that support this evaluation. The first pillar measures coverage of NFSA, rightful targeting, and implementation of all provisions under NFSA. The second pillar analyses the delivery platform while considering the allocation of food grains, their movement, and last-mile delivery to Fair Price Shops. The third pillar focuses on nutrition initiatives of the department.

Rajasthan has got 18th Rank in the Index with score of 0.694.

Odisha has got the first rank in the State Ranking Index with the score of 0.836.

(d) & (e): The State Ranking Index aims to create an environment of competition, cooperation, and learning among states, promote transparency, and publish verified data in the public domain for research and analysis. At present, no proposal to implement the food and nutrition mode of top-ranked States at the national level is under consideration of the Government. States/UT Governments are free to adopt best practices from better performing States/UTs under the overall architecture of NFSA.
