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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4606 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF ONORC

4606. MS. DIYA KUMARI:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme along with details of percentage of population covered, State-wise, especially for the State of Rajasthan;
- (b) the amount of funds sanctioned, allocated and utilised under the said scheme across the country during the last three years;
- (c) the number of beneficiaries registered under the said scheme along with the details of the benefits accrued to them under the said scheme so far;
- (d) whether the Government has launched any awareness campaign to make the people aware of the benefits of the said scheme across the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Plan is implemented in all 36 States/UTs, across the country, including State of Rajasthan and covering 100% NFSA beneficiaries (i.e. nearly 80 Crore). State-wise list of NFSA beneficiaries is attached as Annexure-I.

(b): One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan for nationwide portability of ration cards is implemented by this Department under the Central Sector Scheme i.e. Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS), which was sanctioned in April 2018 with total outlay of Rs. 127.3 Crore. The scheme is extended till 31st March 2023. So far, total financial assistance of Rs. 105.68 Crore has been released to States/UTs, NIC/NICSI, etc. The details of funds released to States/UTs during the last 3 financial years is as follows-

FY	Funds Released (Rs. in Crore)
2020-21	12.65
2021-22	23.76
2022-23 (as on date)	24.07

- (c): The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan, is enabled in all the 36 States/UTs, across the country, covering entire NFSA population (around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries). So far, more than 103 crore portability transactions are recorded under ONORC. With this facility now a beneficiary can avail benefits of Public Distribution System (PDS) from any of the 5.34 lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) located across the country.
- (d) & (e): A nationwide campaign has been carried out to create awareness among the NFSA beneficiaries about ONORC in different modes viz. FM/Radio channels, displaying audio visual spots at railway stations, banners, posters at outdoors and Fair Price Shops (FPSs), bus wraps etc. Apart from this States/UTs employed their own means for this campaigns.

Recently, this Department has launched an awareness generation campaign of ONORC on 168 FM channels and 45 TV Channels across the country for which a 30 second radio spot and a 30 second Tele Vision Commercials (TVCs) have been developed in 12 different languages viz. Hindi, Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil and Telugu.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4606 FOR ANSWER ON 29.03.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA.

S. No.	State/ UT	Total Beneficiaries (in Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	268.22
2	Arunachal Pradesh	8.40
3	Assam	251.17
4	Bihar	871.16
5	Chhattisgarh	200.77
6	Delhi	72.78
7	Goa	5.32
8	Gujarat	344.15
9	Haryana	126.49
10	Himachal Pradesh	28.64
11	Jharkhand	264.12
12	Karnataka	401.93
13	Kerala	154.80
14	Madhya Pradesh	511.32
15	Maharashtra	700.17
16	Manipur	20.08
17	Meghalaya	21.46
18	Mizoram	6.68
19	Nagaland	14.05
20	Odisha	325.03

21	Punjab	141.51
22	Rajasthan	440.01
23	Sikkim	3.81
24	Tamil Nadu	364.69
25	Telangana	191.62
26	Tripura	24.32
27	Uttar Pradesh	1497.77
28	Uttarakhand	61.94
29	West Bengal	601.84
30	A&N	0.61
31	DNHⅅ	2.73
32	Lakshadweep	0.22
33	Chandigarh (DBT)	2.76
34	Puducherry (DBT)	6.34
35	J&K	72.41
36	Ladakh	1.44
	Total	8010.78
