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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4692 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

IMPLEMENTATION OF ONORC IN WEST BENGAL

4692. DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:

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

- (a) whether the State of West Bengal is implementing One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the impact of delay in implementation of ONORC in West Bengal;
- (c) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within West Bengal, so far; and
- (d) the details of the target set and achievements made so far within West Bengal along with its results?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Yes Sir. State Government of West Bengal has implemented the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan. Since inception, around 57 lakh portability transactions have been recorded in the State of West Bengal.
- (b): Doesn't arise.
- (c): 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, financial assistance of Rs. 1.24 Crore has been released to West Bengal under IM-PDS.

(d): There is no such targets provisioned under ONORC plan as this Department has already enabled portability of ration cards in all 36 States/UTs in the country through ONORC plan, so that all NFSA beneficiaries can get benefits of portability of food security. Since inception, more than 103 Crore portability transactions have been recorded in the country, wherein, around 57 lakh portability transactions have been recorded in the State of West Bengal, which shows the wide acceptance of ONORC plan.
