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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4770 TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH MARCH, 2023

DIGITISATION OF RATION CARDS

4770. SHRI SUNIL DATTATRAY TATKARE:

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 is implementing a scheme on end-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations on cost sharing basis with all States and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the current status of digitization of ration cards in the State of Maharashtra;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated by the Government for the said programme to the State of Maharashtra;
- (d) the details of the fund ratio of both the State and Union Governments for this purpose;
- (e) whether the Government has achieved the target set for the completion of digitization of ration card throughout the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a): Yes Sir. 'End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operations' had been implemented on cost sharing basis with the States/UTs. Government approved the Scheme in October 2012 with budget provisioning of Rs.884.07 crore to be implemented during 2012-17, which includes Government of India's share of Rs. 489.37 crore and States/UTs share of Rs. 394.70 crore. The validity of the scheme was extended upto 31.03.2020.
- (b): All 1.55 crore ration cards of Maharashtra State have been digitized.
- (c): A total amount of Rs. 31.38 crore was released to the State Government of Maharashtra as first instalment (Rs.20.92 crore in 2013-14) and second installment (Rs.10.46 crore in 2016-17) of central share under the Scheme on 'End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operations'.
- (d): 'End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operations' scheme had been implemented in all States/UTs on cost sharing basis. In case of NE States, cost is shared between Gol and States on 90:10 basis while in other States/UTs cost sharing is on 50:50 basis.
- (e) & (f): All 19.5 crore ration cards have been digitized throughout the country. Hence, 100% completion has been achieved with respect to digitization of ration cards in the country.
