

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5382
TO BE ANSWERED ON 5TH APRIL, 2023

LINKING AADHAR UNDER NFSA

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

- (a) the number of persons whose Aadhar has been linked with ration cards under National Food Security Act (NFSA) so far in the country, State and district-wise;
- (b) whether Aadhar has been linked with ration card under food security in Assam;
- (c) if so, the number of persons whose Aadhar has been linked with ration card, district-wise;
- (d) the details of the action proposed to be taken to provide benefits to those people who do not possess Aadhar card; and
- (e) the manner in which persons who do not possess Aadhar card are likely to avail subsidized ration/foodgrains?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(a) to (c): Nearly 100% (99.5%) ration cards of around 80 crore National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiaries have been Aadhaar seeded in the country, including Assam. As conveyed by the State Government of Assam, the district-wise details of Aadhaar seeded ration cards and beneficiaries in the State of Assam is attached as Annexure-I and list of Aadhaar seeded beneficiaries and Aadhaar seeded ration cards in the country is attached as Annexure-II.

(d) & (e): In pursuance to the provisions of Section-7 of the Aadhaar Act, 2016, this Department has issued a notification to States/UTs (which is amended from time to time) for linking of Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries with all ration cards by 30th June 2023. Under PDS reforms, at present more than 99%out of total 19.7 Crore ration cards under NFSA have been seeded with Aadhaar number. Department has issued advisories to all States/UTs that no genuine beneficiaries/households shall be denied their entitled foodgrains under NFSA, only on the ground of not possessing an Aadhaar number, or due to any technical failure of ePoS device including failure of Aadhaar biometric authentication of beneficiary owing to network / connectivity / linking issues.

As conveyed by the State Government of Assam, those beneficiaries who do not possess Aadhaar Card due to NRC issue/ Old age / Disability, they are being allocated foodgrains under TPDS. At present, about 3 (three) Lakh non Aadhaar seeded beneficiaries are availing benefits of subsidised foodgrains.

ANNEXURE-I

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (c) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5382 FOR ANSWER ON 05.04.2023 IN THE LOK SABHA

District Wise Status of Aadhaar Seeding in Assam as on 31.03.2023 (As conveyed by State Government of Assam)							
Sl No	District Name	Total Ration Cards (RCs) (AAY+PHH)	Total Aadhaar Seeded RC	% Aadhaar Seeded RC	Total Beneficiaries (AAY+PHH)	Total Aadhaar Seeded Beneficiaries	% Aadhaar Seeded Beneficiaries
1	Bajali	50,338	50,224	99.77%	1,69,595	1,68,078	99.11%
2	Baksa	1,02,474	1,02,250	99.78%	3,56,070	3,49,768	98.23%
3	Barpeta	2,56,519	2,52,885	98.58%	10,04,105	9,84,322	98.03%
4	Biswanath	1,48,211	1,45,869	98.42%	5,06,072	4,83,744	95.59%
5	Bongaigaon	1,30,059	1,28,530	98.82%	5,10,375	4,70,145	92.12%
6	Cachar	3,10,155	3,06,485	98.82%	11,16,735	10,68,075	95.64%
7	Charaideo	88,632	88,205	99.52%	2,68,295	2,56,965	95.78%
8	Chirang	95,868	95,191	99.29%	3,25,944	3,12,109	95.76%
9	Darrang	1,66,277	1,64,842	99.14%	6,61,035	6,23,026	94.25%
10	Dhemaji	1,37,463	1,37,372	99.93%	4,77,839	4,75,682	99.55%
11	Dhubri	2,67,394	2,66,125	99.53%	10,86,125	10,41,094	95.85%
12	Dibrugarh	2,28,291	2,26,868	99.38%	6,98,524	6,77,652	97.01%
13	Dima Hasao	27,368	27,368	100.00%	91,421	91,338	99.91%
14	Goalpara	1,71,805	1,71,788	99.99%	6,51,189	6,33,815	97.33%

15	Golaghat	2,11,063	2,10,679	99.82%	6,42,039	6,26,288	97.55%
16	Hailakandi	1,26,275	1,24,131	98.30%	4,78,739	4,53,061	94.64%
17	Hojai	1,26,964	1,26,158	99.37%	6,02,494	5,96,874	99.07%
18	Jorhat	1,79,400	1,78,595	99.55%	5,21,009	5,09,432	97.78%
19	Kamrup	2,92,339	2,90,837	99.49%	9,93,257	9,69,358	97.59%
20	Kamrup Metro	1,45,227	1,44,503	99.50%	4,46,195	4,31,798	96.77%
21	KarbiAnglong	95,941	95,891	99.95%	3,32,514	3,27,060	98.36%
22	Karimganj	2,24,806	2,23,659	99.49%	8,24,596	7,93,782	96.26%
23	Kokrajhar	1,87,918	1,86,478	99.23%	6,95,139	6,69,607	96.33%
24	Lakhimpur	1,98,526	1,96,354	98.91%	6,81,040	6,67,673	98.04%
25	Majuli	34,291	34,289	99.99%	1,24,246	1,24,170	99.94%
26	Morigaon	1,88,100	1,86,293	99.04%	7,02,309	6,72,014	95.69%
27	Nagaon	3,08,384	3,06,886	99.51%	13,30,593	12,75,572	95.86%
28	Nalbari	1,57,245	1,50,811	95.91%	5,08,077	4,91,303	96.70%
29	Sivasagar	1,33,517	1,32,873	99.52%	3,86,587	3,79,866	98.26%
30	Sonitpur	2,22,627	2,15,690	96.88%	6,42,010	5,95,023	92.68%

31	South Salmara	75,475	74,695	98.97%	2,92,372	2,88,684	98.74%
32	Tamulpur	84,352	84,288	99.92%	2,30,590	2,23,822	97.06%
33	Tinsukia	2,42,167	2,41,237	99.62%	7,01,071	6,87,361	98.04%
34	Udalguri	1,65,811	1,64,234	99.05%	5,77,076	5,64,266	97.78%
35	West KarbiAnglong	38,208	37,966	99.37%	1,32,303	1,27,513	96.38%
Total		56,19,490	55,70,549	99.13%	1,97,67,580	1,91,10,340	96.68%

ANNEXURE-II

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Sl.	States/UTs	DIGITISATION		AADHAAR SEEDING			
		Total Ration Cards in Central System	Total Beneficiaries in Central System	No. of Ration Cards with Aadhaar	% Seeding of Ration Cards	No. of Beneficiaries with Aadhaar	% Seeding of Beneficiaries
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	16,767	59,751	16,699	100%	58,599	98%
2	Andhra Pradesh	1,00,64,789	2,94,94,745	1,00,64,789	100%	2,94,94,745	100%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,80,684	8,45,084	1,53,347	85%	6,21,870	74%
4	Assam	56,19,490	1,97,67,580	55,70,549	99%	1,91,10,340	97%
5	Bihar	1,84,42,110	8,86,59,914	1,84,14,605	100%	7,33,56,178	83%
6	Chandigarh	72,119	3,12,570	71,815	100%	2,80,117	90%
7	Chhattisgarh	52,61,519	2,00,22,302	52,59,516	100%	1,98,00,596	99%
8	Dadra & NH and Daman Diu	59,056	2,69,233	59,056	100%	2,69,233	100%
9	Delhi	17,84,097	72,78,740	17,84,097	100%	72,78,740	100%
10	Goa	1,43,884	5,51,005	1,43,528	100%	5,28,674	96%
11	Gujarat	75,44,229	3,67,54,692	75,25,379	100%	3,60,25,853	98%
12	Haryana	31,53,744	1,26,95,542	31,53,744	100%	1,26,95,542	100%

13	Himachal Pradesh	7,51,734	30,26,470	7,51,734	100%	30,26,469	100%
14	Jammu & Kashmir	16,52,376	66,11,446	16,52,360	100%	66,11,345	100%
15	Jharkhand	65,17,350	2,63,58,310	64,59,152	99%	2,38,53,850	90%
16	Karnataka	1,14,92,451	4,02,32,662	1,14,92,451	100%	4,02,32,662	100%
17	Kerala	40,90,620	1,51,24,963	40,90,090	100%	1,51,05,163	100%
18	Ladakh	28,996	1,22,150	28,669	99%	1,19,892	98%
19	Lakshadweep	5,180	22,347	5,175	100%	21,893	98%
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,24,15,016	5,22,21,505	1,24,13,802	100%	5,21,68,086	100%
21	Maharashtra	1,55,25,890	6,52,55,721	1,55,05,783	100%	6,27,44,939	96%
22	Manipur	5,66,966	19,76,072	5,64,056	99%	19,62,306	99%
23	Meghalaya	4,21,565	21,45,058	2,22,780	53%	5,35,947	25%
24	Mizoram	1,65,741	6,71,209	1,64,176	99%	6,48,460	97%
25	Nagaland	3,22,749	11,63,765	3,10,516	96%	10,65,926	92%
26	Odisha	93,20,721	3,24,75,946	92,62,023	99%	3,23,14,308	100%
27	Puducherry	1,90,362	6,59,008	1,90,234	99.9%	6,38,360	97%
28	Punjab	40,66,032	1,57,52,829	40,65,525	100%	1,57,30,409	100%
29	Rajasthan	1,05,91,813	4,33,03,204	1,04,49,638	99%	4,13,48,101	95%

30	Sikkim	97,209	3,80,775	96,813	100%	3,74,258	98%
31	Tamil Nadu	1,11,47,190	3,52,37,121	1,11,47,583	100%	3,51,15,084	100%
32	Telangana	53,96,571	1,90,94,886	53,96,571	100%	1,90,94,886	100%
33	Tripura	6,00,910	24,33,441	6,00,508	100%	22,21,006	91%
34	Uttarakhand	13,82,376	60,40,098	13,81,982	100%	60,24,614	100%
35	Uttar Pradesh	3,51,86,258	13,88,10,662	3,51,81,649	100%	13,83,59,579	100%
36	West Bengal	1,41,60,769	5,99,23,481	1,39,47,935	98%	5,49,14,972	92%
	National Summary	19,84,39,333	78,57,54,287	19,75,98,329	99.6%	75,37,53,002	95.9%
