

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3353  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2021**

**GPS IN TRUCKS TRANSPORTING PDS COMMODITIES**

**3353. SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN:**

**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 any plan to introduce GPS tracking system to track the trucks moving PDS commodities from warehouses to depots that would help the Government to curb the illegal diversion of subsidized provisions to the open market; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**A N S W E R  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &  
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

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(a) to (b): As per information available from Food Corporation of India, all 20 regional offices have been advised to implement 'Vehicle Tracking System' (VTS). So far, the VTS tender could be finalized only in following 5 regions, namely - Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttarakhand and Jharkhand.

Further, as part of an earlier scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of Public Distribution System (PDS) Operations' almost all States/UTs have done the Computerization of Supply Chain Management operations for online monitoring of the receipts and issuance of foodgrains besides online generation of delivery orders, truck challans, gate passes, etc. including delivery of SMS alerts to FPS dealers and some beneficiaries.

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