

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 323**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 20<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2021**

**ONORC IN ASSAM**

**323. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:**

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

- (a) the salient features of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Scheme;**
- (b) the funds sanctioned, allocated and utilized under this scheme within Assam, so far;**
- (c) the target set and achievements made within Assam, so far;**
- (d) the response received under this scheme during COVID-19 period within the country; and**
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to cover the wider section of target beneficiaries in the State?**

**A N S W E R**

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

**(a):** Through technology-driven One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) system, any National Food Security Act (NFSA) beneficiary can lift the part of full monthly entitled foodgrains, from any electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) enabled Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country – by using their same existing ration card or Aadhaar number. Their family members back home, if any, can also lift the part/balance foodgrains on the same ration card.

**(b):** Under the scheme on Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IMPDS), the main objective of which is to implement the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan in all States/UTs, the Department has released a total of Rs. 88.8 Lakh to the State of Assam out of total project cost of Rs. 2.16 Crore. So far, the State has not furnished the utilization certificate of the funds released and has also not claimed further central assistance from the Department.

**(c):** It is expected to implement the ONORC plan in Assam in next few months, depending upon the technical readiness including Aadhar generation and seeding of the State Government to enable the ration cards portability. So far, the requisite ePoS devices are not installed in the FPSs of the State.

**(d):** During the COVID-19 period so far (i.e. from April 2020 to June 2021), more than 21 Crore portability transactions have been recorded under the ONORC plan in the country.

**(e):** The Department is continuously pursuing with the remaining 4 States/UT of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal to enable the ONORC plan for providing a Pan-India coverage of national portability of ration cards to about all 80 Crore beneficiaries in all States/UTs under NFSA.