

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1818
TO BE ANSWERED ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2021**

DIVERSION OF FOOD GRAINS

1818. SHRI ANUBHAV MOHANTY:

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 aware that the leakage and the diversion of food grains during transportation is a regular feature;**
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure that such leakages and diversions are minimized to the possible extent;**
- (c) whether end to end computerization of Public Distribution System operations will further cut down on any kind of pilferage during transportation of food grains; and**
- (d) if so, the extent to which the PDS operations been computerized and if not, the time by when the Government proposes to computerize the entire system of PDS?**

A N S W E R

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
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(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)**

(a): No complaint regarding the leakage and the diversion of food grains in transportation by FCI has been received during the last three years.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) and (d): The Department of Food & Public Distribution has implemented a scheme on 'End-to-end Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) Operations' to improve transparency in distribution of foodgrains and to avoid leakage and diversion of foodgrains, elimination of fake and bogus ration cards, etc.

Under this Scheme, ration cards database has been completely digitized in all States and UTs. Further, online allocation of foodgrains has been implemented in all States/ UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh and Puducherry which have adopted Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme) and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/ UTs. Besides, automation of Fair Price Shops (FPS) has also been done in all States/ UTs by installing 4.93 lakh electronic Point of Sale (ePOS) devices at the FPSs for distribution of foodgrains in a transparent manner.
