

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5601
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH APRIL, 2022**

DISCREPANCIES IN AADHAAR LINKED RATION CARDS

5601. SHRI N. REDDEPPA:

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

- (a) the status of implementation of the One Nation One Ration Card scheme along with State-wise details of percentage of population covered;
- (b) whether the Ministry is aware of discrepancies in Aadhaar linked ration cards in case of people engaged in construction labour and domestic work since their fingerprints may change or fade with time and may not match with the ones entered in Aadhaar; and
- (c) if so, the measures taken in this regard to ensure their inclusion in the scheme?

A N S W E R

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

(a): One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan for portability of NFSA ration cards, is enabled in 35 States/UTs, covering about 77 Crore beneficiaries, that is, 96.8% of the total NFSA population in the country. A State/UT wise statement showing the current coverage of NFSA beneficiaries under ONORC is at Annexure.

(b) & (c): The timeline given to all States/UTs for linking of Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries with their ration cards has been extended up to 30/06/2022. Until then, as per the extant instructions of the Department, States/UTs have been advised that no genuine NFSA beneficiary/household shall be denied from receiving their entitled quota of subsidized foodgrains only for want of Aadhaar; or due to failure of biometric/Aadhaar authentication due to network/ connectivity/ linking related issues, poor biometrics of the beneficiary or any other technical reasons.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5601 FOR ANSWER ON 06.04.2022 IN THE LOK SABHA.

Statement showing State/UT wise Coverage of NFSA Beneficiaries under One Nation One Ration Card.

Sl.	States/UT	Current Coverage of Beneficiaries under NFSA (in Lakhs)
1	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.61
2	Andhra Pradesh	268.22
3	Arunachal Pradesh	8.40
4	Bihar	871.16
5	Chandigarh	2.74
6	Chhattisgarh	200.77
7	Dadra & NH and Daman Diu	3.02
8	Delhi	72.78
9	Goa	5.32
10	Gujarat	344.68
11	Haryana	126.49
12	Himachal Pradesh	28.64
13	Jammu & Kashmir	72.41
14	Jharkhand	263.70
15	Karnataka	401.93
16	Kerala	154.80
17	Ladakh	1.44
18	Lakshadweep	0.22
19	Madhya Pradesh	482.58
20	Maharashtra	700.17
21	Manipur	19.97
22	Meghalaya	21.46
23	Mizoram	6.68
24	Nagaland	14.05
25	Odisha	324.15
26	Puducherry	6.24
27	Punjab	141.51
28	Rajasthan	440.01
29	Sikkim	3.79
30	Tamil Nadu	364.69
31	Telangana	191.62
32	Tripura	24.83
33	Uttarakhand	61.94
34	Uttar Pradesh	1,487.44
35	West Bengal	601.84
	National Summary	7,720.30
