

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1390  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**RATION CARD DIGITIZATION**

1390. SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:  
SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE:  
SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:  
SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE:  
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:  
PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD:  
SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE:  
DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:  
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:

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

- (a) the current status of ration card digitization across the country with a State-wise breakdown of the number of ration cards digitized;
- (b) the progress made in linking ration cards with Aadhaar to ensure transparency and eliminate duplications and the data on the percentage of cards linked so far;
- (c) whether there are any plans to issue fully digital or e-ration cards across States to replace physical cards and if so, the timeline fixed for the same;
- (d) the amount of funds allocated/spent for the digitization of ration cards in the current fiscal year;
- (e) whether the Government has conducted any assessments on the impact of ration card digitization in reducing errors, duplications and fraud and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether any challenges are being faced by the Government in digitizing ration cards in rural and remote areas and if so, the measures being taken by the Government to overcome these obstacles; and
- (g) the steps taken by the Government to raise public awareness about the digitization of ration cards and the process for beneficiaries to update their details?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

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(a) & (b): As part of the technology-driven Public Distribution System (PDS) reforms, ration cards/beneficiaries database have been 100% digitized in all States/UTs. Presently, 99.8% of ration cards are seeded with an Aadhaar number at the national level. A statement showing the State-wise number of Ration Cards and Aadhaar seeding is in **Annexure-I**.

(c) & (d): Ration cards/beneficiaries database have been completely digitized in all States/UTs, and no funds have been allocated/spent for the digitization of ration cards in the current fiscal year.

(e): No such specific assessment is done. However, the digitization of Ration Cards has helped in de-duplication. So far, 45,16,519 Ration Cards have been de-duplicated.

(f): No challenges are being faced by the government since all ration cards have been digitised.

(g): States/UTs have been advised to undertake proper verification (including field verification) of each identified case to ensure that ration cards are updated

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**Annexure I.**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1390 FOR ANSWER ON 04.12.2024 IN THE LOK SABHA.

A Statement showing the State-wise number of Ration Cards and Aadhaar seeding

Sl. No	State/UT	Total Ration Card in Central System	Digitization of Ration Cards	Total Ration Cards Seeded with Aadhaar	% Seeding of Ration Cards
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	17,190	100%	17,190	100%
2	Andhra Pradesh	89,35,525	100%	89,35,525	100%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,86,409	100%	1,50,275	81%
4	Assam	72,06,695	100%	71,94,031	100%
5	Bihar	1,99,18,079	100%	1,98,56,272	100%
6	Chandigarh	85,109	100%	84,790	100%
7	Chhattisgarh	55,41,340	100%	55,38,586	100%
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	58,865	100%	58,865	100%
9	Delhi	17,39,991	100%	17,39,991	100%
10	Goa	1,29,706	100%	1,29,674	100%
11	Gujarat	78,67,399	100%	78,52,126	100%
12	Haryana	51,78,041	100%	51,78,041	100%
13	Himachal Pradesh	7,39,713	100%	7,39,713	100%
14	Jammu And Kashmir	16,60,560	100%	16,60,544	100%
15	Jharkhand	61,07,699	100%	60,56,316	99%
16	Karnataka	1,13,12,463	100%	1,13,12,463	100%
17	Kerala	41,80,301	100%	41,78,649	100%
18	Ladakh	29,820	100%	29,748	100%
19	Lakshadweep	5,442	100%	5,439	100%
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,29,67,736	100%	1,29,63,729	100%

21	Maharashtra	1,65,53,788	100%	1,65,53,386	100%
22	Manipur	5,74,883	100%	5,72,507	100%
23	Meghalaya	4,16,743	100%	3,03,955	73%
24	Mizoram	1,75,815	100%	1,75,436	100%
25	Nagaland	3,43,539	100%	3,35,922	98%
26	Odisha	94,69,934	100%	94,14,580	99%
27	Puducherry	2,06,284	100%	2,06,028	100%
28	Punjab	41,78,777	100%	41,78,402	100%
29	Rajasthan	1,07,54,233	100%	1,07,37,766	100%
30	Sikkim	97,054	100%	97,010	100%
31	Tamil Nadu	1,13,58,825	100%	1,13,58,789	100%
32	Telangana	54,66,322	100%	54,66,322	100%
33	Tripura	6,07,755	100%	6,07,386	100%
34	Uttarakhand	13,97,008	100%	13,96,941	100%
35	Uttar Pradesh	3,56,62,651	100%	3,56,60,705	100%
36	West Bengal	1,39,33,490	100%	1,39,27,085	100%
	<b>National Summary</b>	<b>20,50,65,184</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>20,46,74,187</b>	<b>99.8%</b>

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