

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2118  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**LEAKAGES IN PDS SYSTEM**

**2118. SHRI VISHWESHWAR HEGDE KAGERI:**

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that 28% of foodgrains is not reaching poor as per annual report for 2011-12 of Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the data in this regard for the last three years, State-wise including Karnataka; and
- (c) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to stop and check leakages in PDS system?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
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(a) to (b): There is no such information in the annual report for 2011-12 of ICRIER.

(c): Under the technology driven Public Distribution System (PDS) reforms, ration cards/beneficiaries database have been completely digitized in all States/UTs. Also 99.8% Ration Cards are seeded with Aadhaar number at national level. Transparency portal and online grievance redressal facility/Toll-free number have been implemented in all States/UTs. Online allocation has been implemented in all States/UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh and Puducherry which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer scheme) and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/UTs. Foodgrain distribution is operationalized through 5.41 lakh e-PoS devices, covering nearly all Fair Price Shops in the country. These e-PoS devices enable Aadhaar authentication of beneficiary during distribution process enabling principle of rightful targeting. About 98% foodgrain distribution is being done through Aadhaar authentication, reducing leakages to ineligible beneficiaries and ensuring rightful targeting.

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