

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3009
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2025

ANNA CHAKRA INITIATIVE

†3009. SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI JASWANTSINH SUMANBHAI BHABHOR:
SHRI CHAVDA VINOD LAKHAMSHI:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI DULU MAHATO:
SHRI ARUN GOVIL:
SHRI DINESHBHAI MAKWANA:
SHRI PRATAP CHANDRA SARANGI:

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

- (a) whether the Government has conducted independent audit or review by third party to confirm the estimated savings of Rs. 250 crores annually from the Anna Chakra initiative;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of States that have successfully integrated the 'Anna Chakra' with their logistics operations and whether Jharkhand has also successfully done the same;
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any beneficiary survey or impact assessment study to determine whether the Anna Chakra has improved the timely delivery of foodgrains to Fair Price Shops;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the visible impact of the Anna Chakra initiative in the North-Eastern States of the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

(a) & (b): The savings are estimates of potential of cost reductions in transportation cost indicating one of the potential benefits of use of optimisation techniques in Public Distribution System (PDS).The savings are estimated from the data reported by the states.

(c): As of now, 25 states have implemented Anna Chakra including Jharkhand.

(d) & (e): Anna Chakra strengthens systematic data-based supply chain that ensures efficient delivery of foodgrains to Fair price shops.

(f): 'Anna Chakra' has been implemented in North-eastern states also.
