

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4171
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH MARCH, 2025

IMPROVEMENT IN PDS

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

- (a) whether the Government is considering any other such new proposal to further improve the Public Distribution System (PDS), as the implementation and efficiency of PDS in the country has improved tremendously due to initiatives like digital technology, Unique Identification Number and reduction in leakages and corruption;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any action has been taken against those involved in irregularities and corruption in the PDS during the last five years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to include more new food items being in the food items distributed under PDS and if so, the details thereof?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) & (b): The Department is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) "Scheme for Modernization and Reforms through Technology in Public Distribution System (SMART-PDS)" for the development and implementation of advanced integrated supply chain software in States/UTs. At present, the SMART-PDS is in development phase. The project was started by NIC from October 2024 and the application is expected to be launched in phases from April 2025 onwards.

The SMART-PDS scheme envisages to strengthen the technology infrastructure in Public Distribution System (PDS) in order to enable technology driven reforms and transformative changes in the entire PDS ecosystem covering NFSA and State schemes. It overcomes the State level technological limitations of PDS operations in all States/UTs in respect of IT Hardware, Software and institutionalizes an integrated unified advanced Central System application covering all PDS related operations across all States/UTs.

(c): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) governed under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/ Union Territory (UT) Governments. The operational responsibilities for allocation of foodgrains within the States/ UTs, identification of eligible beneficiaries families, issuance of ration cards to them, distribution of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries under TPDS and supervision over and monitoring of functioning of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) etc. rest with the concerned State/ UT Governments.

Corruption in PDS is an offence committed in violation of the provisions of TPDS (Control) Order, 2015, which is liable for penal action under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Thus, the Order empowers State/UT Governments to take punitive action in case of contravention of relevant provisions of these Orders.

A Statement showing results of action taken by the State/UT Government under relevant clause of the TPDS (Control) Order, 2015, upto 31/12/2024 is at **Annexure**.

(d): Under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), the term “foodgrains” is defined as rice, wheat or coarse grains or any combination thereof conforming to such quality norms as may be determined, by order, by the Central Government from time to time. At present, no proposal for inclusion of other commodities under the NFSA is under consideration of the Government.

Statement showing results of action taken by the State/ UT Governments under relevant clauses of the PDS/TPDS (Control) Orders from January, 2015 to December, 2024.

(Compilation of information received from States/UTs by 31/12/2024)

Sl. No. क्र. सं	Name of the State/UT	Year	Number of Inspections	Number of raids conducted	Number of persons arrested/ prosecuted convicted	Number of FPS Licenses suspended/ Cancelled/ Show cause notices issued/ FIR Lodged
1	Andhra Pradesh	2015	11803	2072	53	2534
		2016	2889	832	*	*
		2017	25519	9774	8	811
		2018	27189	10831	13	576
		2019	2616	1160	51	849
		2020	4378	1653	66	438
2	Arunachal Pradesh	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
3	Assam	2015	1352	849	*	124
		2016	772	272	*	36
		2017	902	441	4	76
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	3497	1197	*	82
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2022	1917	130	*	17
		2023	*	*	*	*
		2024	11008	2308	0	1146
4	Bihar	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
5	Chhattisgarh	2015	4811	561	*	149
		2016	6050	647	2	122
		2017	5702	443	31	225
		2018	6658	1161	4	60

		2019	6144	934	*	50
		2020	2453	390	7	12
		2021	6301	558	0	76
		2022	8176	1390	0	56
6	Delhi	2015	1381	149	8	755
		2016	2026	14	7	741
		2017	390	60	*	24
		2018	6534	66	1	522
		2019	9013	93	0	220
		2020	9425	109	1	276
		2021	9854	111	0	337
		2022	6872	56	0	156
7	Goa	2015	145	3	*	25
		2016	985	15	*	83
		2017	1088	18	*	182
		2018	385	35	*	21
		2019	341	*	*	5
		2020	1190	*	*	208
		2021	1459	1	*	5
		2022	1495	22	*	*
		2023	390	85	*	6
8	Gujarat	2015	6958	*	11	284
		2016	5959	*	3	370
		2017	5704	*	1	197
		2018	7802	*	33	221
		2019	5563	*	2	280
		2020	4374	*	*	97
		2021	3283	*	*	69
		2022	9557	*	*	103
		2024	7775	236	0	1365
9	Haryana	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	1481	105	4	919
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
10	Himachal	2015	3138	*	*	325
		2016	4322	*	*	1026
		2017	10983	*	*	523
		2018	16975	*	*	1017
		2019	15301	*	*	699
		2020	9767	-	-	1005
11	Jammu & Kashmir	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*

		2020	*	*	*	*
12	Jharkhand	2015	417	4	9	66
		2016	438	18	32	107
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
13	Karnataka	2015	61078	614	145	520
		2016	29620	372	33	202
		2017	11516	207	8	296
		2018	11622	198	4	149
		2019	14410	322	62	181
		2020	*	*	*	*
14	Kerala	2015	78505	18269	33	108
		2016	93502	24646	8	136
		2017	55781	4579	5	215
		2018	34538	2088	1	3139
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
15	Madhya Pradesh	2015	32108	1008	162	657
		2016	32978	1156	166	699
		2017	36776	1195	260	713
		2018	37442	1207	177	847
		2019	38296	1408	200	1223
		2020	32822	1328	216	1255
16	Maharashtra	2015	86979	*	200	792
		2016	97067	*	177	818
		2017	43394	*	80	257
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2021	26274	51335	13	395
		2022	42932	6548	37	293
17	Manipur	2015	54	20	*	*
		2016	6	3	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
18	Meghalaya	2015	546	13	*	*
		2016 (April to August 2016)	222	1	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*

		2021	2573	12	*	*
		2022	525	6	*	*
		2024	1290	77	0	121
19	Mizoram	2015	166	103	2	*
		2016	124	68	*	*
		2017	108	49	*	*
		2018	91	43	*	*
		2019	100	216	*	*
		2020	90	19	*	*
		2021	267	10	*	*
		2022	258	13	*	*
		2023	79	3	*	*
20	Nagaland	2015	221	*	*	*
		2016	76	12	3	2
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
21	Odisha	2015	9200	10325	*	553
		2016	8350	8634	*	152
		2017	12899	3402	1	215
		2018	22481	178	*	206
		2019	20343	197	*	242
		2020	*	20540	6	116
		2021	22557	250	*	130
		2022	27054	4891	9	686
		2023	21520	2480	*	420
		2024	1966	1412	0	-
22	Punjab	2015	57422	1453	2	1451
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
23	Rajasthan	2015	16895	1895	763	5272
		2016	24293	2183	668	7733
		2017	16299	1636	320	8601
		2018	15112	910	354	2484
		2019	19462	1542	309	4381
		2020	22537	876	791	3029
		2021	*	*	*	*
		2022	143750	15245	5778	36087
24	Sikkim	2015	260	28	*	*
		2016	475	65	*	*
		2017	616	24	*	*
		2018	1339	28	*	*
		2019	2688	44	*	*

		2020	1987	30	*	*
		2021	2038	18	*	*
		2022	839	15	*	*
		2023	36	15	*	*
		2024	45	20	0	6
25	Tamil Nadu	2015	180520	7700	25	*
		2016	194599	21337	10251	*
		2017	119481	14709	6787	*
		2018	44702	4732	1717	*
		2019	84432	10379	4373	*
		2020	54247	4930	1322	*
		2021	45280	4954	2480	*
		2022	236512	17430	12041	*
		2023	158550	12581	8970	*
26	Telangana	2015	10785	2150	132	693
		2016	11206	2721	259	670
		2017	12425	3231	187	286
		2018	12395	2665	219	200
		2019	13444	2487	216	339
		2020	15056	8352	1429	1118
		2021	18278	6471	2042	1327
		2022	10559	2246	815	557
		2023	5626	1179	2	67
		2024	6895	1465	209	200
27	Tripura त्रिपुरा	2015	11249	363	2	340
		2016	11436	503	0	385
		2017	10795	377	0	243
		2018	8665	446	0	290
		2019	12984	465	0	406
		2020	11097	1123	8	581
		2021	1480	77	2	87
28	Uttarakhand	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
29	Uttar Pradesh	2015	45376	*	1009	6665
		2016	62322	6961	887	6545
		2017	29804	3141	557	2461
		2018 (April 18 – March,19)	138302	*	3385	9419
		2019-20	150970	2343	1086	6404
		2020-21	153393	14329	1199	6506
		2021-22	116734	11207	573	5026
		2022-23	108662	10312	716	4245
		2023	28237	2684	122	820

30	West Bengal	2015	7680	52	*	462
		2016	19619	233	*	41
		2017	36146	655	17	1841
		2018	43127	2057	19	2829
		2019	35378	581	15	2648
		2020	42840	222	57	3263
		2021	28994	156	42	4810
		2022-23	29995	98	59	3507
		2023	18422	2393	42	806
31	A&N Islands	2015	369	*	*	15
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	144	*	*	1
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	266	*	*	1
32	Chandigarh	2015	410	*	*	1
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2021	*	*	*	*
		2022	*	*	*	*
		2023	*	*	*	*
		2024	DBT	DBT	DBT	DBT
33	D&N Haveli	2015	10	1	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2021	63	*	*	*
		2022	63	*	*	*
34	Daman & Diu	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2021	51	1	*	1
		2022	51	*	*	

35	Lakshadweep	2015	*	*	*	*
		2016	*	*	*	*
		2017	*	*	*	*
		2018	*	*	*	*
		2019	*	*	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2024	58	0	0	0
36	Puducherry	2015	2825	913	*	7
		2016	2861	1204	*	2
		2017	3166	376	*	*
		2018	4856	706	*	*
		2019	807	205	*	*
		2020	*	*	*	*
		2024	DBT	DBT	DBT	DBT
Total		2015	632663	48545	2556	21798
		2016	613678	90002	12500	20789
		2017	439638	44317	8266	17091
		2018	440215	27351	5927	21980
		2019	463876	37058	7043	22858
		2020	365922	53901	5102	17904
		2021	285486	75161	5152	12263
		2022	629208	58402	19455	45707
		2023	275828	27148	9145	2391
	2024	29037	5518	209	2838	
Grand Total =		4175551	467403	75355	185619	
2015+2016+2017+2018+2019+						
2020+2021+2022+2023+2024						

* Information not provided सूचना उपलब्ध नहीं कराई गई।
