

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2822
TO BE ANSWERED ON 6TH AUGUST, 2025

PDS ACCESS AND BIOMETRIC VERIFICATION ISSUES

2822. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK:
SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI:
SHRI SAPTAGIRI SANKAR ULAKA:
SMT. JYOTSNA CHARANDAS MAHANT:
SHRI K SUDHAKARAN:
DR. KIRSAN NAMDEO:

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

- (a): the number and percentage of ration cardholders in the country whose ration cards are Aadhaar-seeded as of June 2025, State-wise;
- (b): the number of failed biometric authentications at Public Distribution System (PDS) outlets recorded month-wise during the Financial year 2024-25; and
- (c): whether any States or Union Territories have sought exemptions or alternative (non-biometric) authentication measures due to high failure rates and if so, the details thereof?

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

- (a): A statement showing Aadhaar seeding in Ration Cards is at Annexure
- (b): No such reports of failed biometric authentications are maintained by the Department. Further, the Department has advised all States/UTs that no genuine beneficiary/household shall be denied their entitled quota of foodgrains under NFSA on the ground of failure of biometric authentication due to network/ connectivity/ linking issues or any other technical reasons etc.
- (c): No States/UTs have sought exemption or alternative authentication measures due to failure of biometric authentication.

Annexure**Statement showing Aadhaar seeding in Ration Cards (RC)**

S.No.	State Name	Total RC	Aadhaar Seeded RC	% of RC
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	17,989	17,989	100.00%
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	8,837,972	8,837,972	100.00%
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	186,406	150,272	80.62%
4	ASSAM	7,030,347	7,025,139	99.93%
5	BIHAR	20,696,745	20,653,930	99.79%
6	CHANDIGARH	85,825	85,504	99.63%
7	CHHATTISGARH	5,589,781	5,586,761	99.95%
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	57,773	57,773	100.00%
9	DELHI	1,746,316	1,746,316	100.00%
10	GOA	128,025	128,003	99.98%
11	GUJARAT	7,650,466	7,642,505	99.90%
12	HARYANA	4,540,017	4,540,017	100.00%
13	HIMACHAL PRADESH	747,358	747,358	100.00%
14	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	1,658,431	1,658,424	100.00%
15	JHARKHAND	6,071,140	6,025,668	99.25%
16	KARNATAKA	11,030,539	11,030,539	100.00%
17	KERALA	4,205,079	4,203,643	99.97%
18	LADAKH	28,748	28,748	100.00%
19	LAKSHADWEEP	5,435	5,431	99.93%
20	MADHYA PRADESH	12,964,517	12,962,975	99.99%
21	MAHARASHTRA	16,752,994	16,752,752	100.00%
22	MANIPUR	580,641	578,823	99.69%
23	MEGHALAYA	416,735	325,513	78.11%
24	MIZORAM	180,032	179,709	99.82%
25	NAGALAND	344,440	338,897	98.39%
26	ODISHA	9,646,106	9,623,924	99.77%
27	PUDUCHERRY	207,349	207,023	99.84%
28	PUNJAB	4,097,681	4,097,521	100.00%
29	RAJASTHAN	10,963,427	10,923,232	99.63%
30	SIKKIM	96,252	96,210	99.96%
31	TAMIL NADU	11,538,343	11,538,267	100.00%
32	TELANGANA	5,430,545	5,430,545	100.00%
33	TRIPURA	607,594	606,555	99.83%
34	UTTARAKHAND	1,394,825	1,394,768	100.00%
35	UTTAR PRADESH	36,073,235	36,071,394	99.99%
36	WEST BENGAL	13,830,991	13,822,101	99.94%
	Total	205,440,099	205,122,201	99.80%