

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1802
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2025

RATION CARD CANCELLATIONS AND E-KYC VERIFICATION

1802. SHRI KARTI P CHIDAMBARAM:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of active ration cards in the country, State/UT-wise, as of October 2025;
- (b) the total number of ration cards cancelled since 2020, State/UT and year-wise;
- (c) the key reasons cited for the cancellation of ration cards and the number of ration cards cancelled under each of these reasons since 2020, year-wise;
- (d) the year-wise number of ration cards cancelled due to failure to complete e-KYC or Aadhaar authentication;
- (e) whether the Government has received reports or complaints of wrongful cancellations; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government to verify and reinstate eligible beneficiaries?

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

- (a): A statement showing States/UT-wise number of ration card is at **Annexure-I**.
- (b): A statement showing deleted Ration Cards reported till date year-wise is at **Annexure-II**.
- (c) to (d): Under the NFSA, the operational responsibility for identification of beneficiaries and management of the beneficiary lists rests with the respective States/UTs.

Key reasons reported by States/UTs for cancellation of ration cards include identification of duplicate or ineligible beneficiaries, e-KYC mismatches, deaths, and permanent migration of households. No ration cards have been reported to be cancelled solely due to failure to complete e-KYC or Aadhaar authentication.

(e) & (f): No specific report or complaints of wrongful cancellation of ration card is received.

States/UT-wise number of Ration Cards as on date

S. No.	States/UTs	No of Ration Cards
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	17,986
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	88,37,973
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1,86,406
4	ASSAM	70,68,187
5	BIHAR	2,08,74,181
6	CHANDIGARH	86,572
7	CHHATTISGARH	56,04,617
8	DELHI	17,46,316
9	GOA	1,30,240
10	GUJARAT	75,17,392
11	HARYANA	40,62,740
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	7,47,697
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	16,58,939
14	JHARKHAND	58,68,596
15	KARNATAKA	1,10,07,879
16	KERALA	42,43,050
17	LADAKH	28,955
18	LAKSHADWEEP	5,434
19	MADHYA PRADESH	1,31,57,651
20	MAHARASHTRA	1,67,76,077
21	MANIPUR	5,80,587
22	MEGHALAYA	4,16,735
23	MIZORAM	1,79,704
24	NAGALAND	3,30,075
25	ODISHA	71,08,753
26	PUDUCHERRY	2,08,089
27	PUNJAB	40,93,188
28	RAJASTHAN	1,09,73,983
29	SIKKIM	96,787
30	TAMIL NADU	1,17,25,032
31	TELANGANA	56,60,367
32	TRIPURA	6,04,704
33	UTTARAKHAND	13,91,325
34	UTTAR PRADESH	3,62,30,842
35	WEST BENGAL	1,37,25,879
	Total	20,29,52,938

States/UTs-wise deleted Ration Cards (2020-25)

Sl.	State/UT	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 (till Oct 25)
1	Andhra Pradesh	24,523	13,128	30,94,232	52,610	49,215	50,681
2	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	431	196	950	47	512	102
3	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	1,151	328	268	1,128
4	Assam	21,291	11,120	28,590	38,590	1,61,516	24,381
5	Bihar	99,404	15,678	1,61,809	4,49,525	16,86,266	1,49,043
6	Chandigarh	-	-	684	2,291	207	2,401
7	Chhattisgarh	4,508	10,400	20,715	29,108	57,371	60,496
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	5,840	2,454	73	1	151	1,101
9	Delhi	518	448	116	3,686	61,292	11,438
10	Goa	148	805	2,117	5,801	166	3,467
11	Gujarat	47,936	2,19,151	1,32,519	1,35,362	30,889	69,102
12	Haryana	-	-	1,96,174	8,49,972	3,28,557	13,43,474
13	Himachal Pradesh	4,376	2,538	3,299	7,551	9,673	7,400
14	Jammu And Kashmir	13,224	33,677	2,927	5,403	4,767	3,036
15	Jharkhand	65,234	-	75,137	29,771	6,374	67,730
16	Karnataka	31,753	42,558	48,477	74,401	27,105	50,594
17	Kerala	52,475	1,04,511	41,998	40,800	11,555	7,261
18	Ladakh	-	614	30	58	615	764
19	Lakshadweep	7	33	38	89	88	32
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,65,829	9,93,704	98,186	4,96,092	7,04,848	2,60,285
21	Maharashtra	1,31,986	36,119	1,44,985	2,01,676	1,74,342	1,33,469
22	Manipur	45,321	9,411	30,493	9,684	7,215	6,515
23	Meghalaya	16	-	402	1,612	449	102
24	Mizoram	1,443	1,637	3,617	4,115	2,548	742
25	Nagaland	7,304	-	3,428	3,177	3,924	1,347
26	Odisha	-	-	64,122	31,240	19,420	1,21,134
27	Puducherry	1,881	1,731	538	847	898	763
28	Punjab	1,79,837	3,305	1,52,497	1,23,722	7,520	2,290
29	Rajasthan	5,80,241	1,35,283	2,65,390	26,386	1,03,444	6,05,826
30	Sikkim	6,981	-	458	-	604	2,116
31	Tamil Nadu	-	2,00,942	86,150	73,875	63,905	33,339
32	Telangana	12,154	-	4,988	34,064	3,424	1,40,947
33	Tripura	1,099	1,100	1,254	800	467	4,334
34	Uttar Pradesh	8,54,025	7,19,213	9,99,100	7,00,138	8,41,123	5,97,012
35	Uttarakhand	-	49,712	66,627	9,691	4,589	3,014
36	West Bengal	59,666	2,93,326	6,47,003	7,56,860	5,09,952	3,74,519
	Total	24,19,451	29,02,794	63,80,274	41,99,373	48,85,259	41,41,385