

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2771  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

**DIGITIZATION INITIATIVES IN PDS**

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

- (a): whether the Government has implemented any new reforms or digitisation initiatives in the Public Distribution System (PDS) this year and if so, the details thereof;
- (b): the details of the technologies or measures that have been adopted by the Government to improve transparency and reduce leakages in PDS;
- (c): the number of beneficiaries which have been provided ration cards under these new processes, State-wise;
- (d): the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate foodgrain supply and distribution during recent shortages or crises; and
- (e): the manner in which the Government monitors and evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of the PDS post these reforms?

**A N S W E R**  
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(a) & (b): Present Status of modernization efforts of PDS by Department are as follows –

- Ration cards/beneficiary's database have been completely digitized (100%) in all States/UTs.
- Aadhaar seeding of 99.9% ration cards have been completed in the country.
- All States/UTs have been regularly urged to complete the eKYC so that the benefits of the scheme reaches the entitled beneficiaries. The eKYC has been completed for 85.6 % beneficiaries.

- Nearly 5.50 Lakh (99.8%) out of total 5.51 Lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) in the country have been automated by installing ePoS devices for the distribution of foodgrains through Aadhaar biometric authentication of beneficiaries.
- Introduction of Anna Sahayata, an advanced AI-enabled WhatsApp and IVRS-based grievance redressal system, allowing beneficiaries to lodge complaints in their own language using these platforms.
- Mera Ration Mobile App, which enables beneficiaries to check their entitlements, member and demographic details, last month's distribution status, nearby FPS location, and to lodge grievances directly through the app
- Anna Mitra mobile app enables the field level functionaries as well FPS dealers to run day to day PDS operations.
- For effective and efficient implementation of the distribution process, the department has urged the States to integrate the ePOS devices in FPS with weighing scales.
- The Depot Darpan Portal has been launched for real-time monitoring, self-assessment, and grading of food grain storage depots, enhancing transparency, efficiency, and security through IoT sensors, CCTV, geotagged data, and AI for evaluating infrastructure (safety, environment) and operations (profitability, stock loss). Launched by the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DFPD), it provides performance ratings and drives continuous improvement in India's food security system.
- Anna Chakra – PDS supply chain optimization tool developed in collaboration with IIT Delhi and WFP has been successfully deployed in all 36 States/UTs. Tool has led to reduction in transportation costs and improved efficiency
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(c): A statement showing number of ration cards and beneficiaries under NFSA (as on 01.12.2025) is at **Annexure**.

(d): Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/ Union Territory (UT) Governments. Central Government is responsible for procurement, allocation and transportation of foodgrains upto the designated depots of the Food Corporation of India (FCI). As far as the operational responsibility is concerned, which includes allocation within State/UT, identification of eligible families, issue of Ration Cards, Aadhaar Seeding in Ration Cards, distribution of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries and supervision of the functioning of Fair Price Shops etc., rests with the concerned State/UT Governments.

The total stock of foodgrains (Rice and Wheat) in the Central Pool as on 31.10.2025 is 643.18 Lakh MT as against the Foodgrains Stocking Norms of 307.70 lakh MT, which is sufficient to meet the requirement under TPDS and OWS.

(e): In order to strengthen the monitoring of NFSA implementation and to provide a more in-depth, incisive and comprehensive empirical evidence on regular basis, the Department Food and Public Distribution has engaged an agency for conducting the concurrent evaluation of the implementation of NFSA, 2013 during 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28.

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**A statement showing number of ration card and beneficiaries under NFSA (as on  
01.12.2025)**

<b>State/UT</b>	<b>Total Ration Card in Central System</b>	<b>Total Beneficiaries in Central System</b>
Andaman And Nicobar Islands	17,984	61,310
Andhra Pradesh	88,37,945	2,68,23,000
Arunachal Pradesh	1,86,406	8,71,000
Assam	70,77,343	2,48,95,011
Bihar	2,08,78,704	8,48,62,734
Chandigarh	86,876	3,56,478
Chhattisgarh	56,28,790	1,98,99,521
Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	57,786	3,56,000
Delhi	17,46,316	72,77,810
Goa	1,30,328	4,75,890
Gujarat	75,97,713	3,52,49,766
Haryana	40,68,958	1,26,49,000
Himachal Pradesh	7,42,720	28,42,496
Jammu And Kashmir	16,58,981	67,48,483
Jharkhand	59,48,538	2,55,21,540
Karnataka	1,09,55,833	4,01,93,000
Kerala	42,68,528	1,48,35,883
Ladakh	28,959	1,14,928
Lakshadweep	5,434	22,000
Madhya Pradesh	1,31,86,413	5,35,29,642
Maharashtra	1,67,56,600	6,79,85,242
Manipur	5,80,530	21,10,862
Meghalaya	4,16,731	21,16,133
Mizoram	1,79,506	7,06,000
Nagaland	3,28,595	11,56,202
Odisha	97,00,719	3,26,21,000

Puducherry	2,08,585	6,34,000
Punjab	40,92,904	1,41,51,000
Rajasthan	1,08,43,916	4,40,09,551
Sikkim	96,787	3,77,540
Tamil Nadu	1,17,15,736	3,64,69,345
Telangana	56,59,826	1,91,39,226
Tripura	6,01,364	23,38,214
Uttarakhand	13,88,294	60,44,951
Uttar Pradesh	3,62,44,425	14,70,69,003
West Bengal	1,37,44,745	6,00,09,791
<b>National Summary</b>	<b>20,56,69,818</b>	<b>79,45,23,552</b>