

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 548
TO BE ANSWERED ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2025

ONORC

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

- (a) the current status of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme including the number of States and Union Territories where it has been fully implemented;
- (b) the total number of ration card beneficiaries who are able to access Public Distribution System (PDS) benefits across States including migrant workers, since the rollout of ONORC;
- (c) whether the Government has identified any technical, administrative or logistical challenges in implementing ONORC nationwide;
- (d) the details of the steps taken by the Government to ensure seamless portability of ration benefits for migrant workers and urban poor including Tamil Nadu; and
- (e) the details of the measures being taken by the Government to monitor, evaluate and strengthen the ONORC scheme, ensuring that no eligible beneficiary is excluded?

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(a) & (b): The nationwide portability of ration cards is popularly known as One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) feature is enabled in all 36 States/UTs. Through this technology driven reform, around 80 Crore Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) beneficiaries are empowered to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice, anywhere in the country, by using their same existing ration card with biometric authentication on an electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device. The family back home can also lift the part of the PMGKAY foodgrains in the home State/UT on the same ration card.

(c): ONORC has been implemented seamlessly in all 36 States/UTs and is operating without any technical, administrative, or logistical challenges.

(d): The ONORC facility is automatically available to all eligible PMGKAY beneficiaries without any additional requirement. It has been implemented across all 36 States/UTs, including Tamil Nadu, enabling seamless portability of ration benefits for all beneficiaries, including migrant workers and the urban poor. The system covers 100% of PMGKAY beneficiaries, allowing them to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop using Aadhaar-based authentication. To date, more than **195 crore** portability transactions have been recorded under ONORC, including **1.93 crore** transactions in Tamil Nadu, covering both inter-State and intra-State.

(e): ONORC has been developed on a robust IT backbone that has been functioning seamlessly since its inception in 2019. System performance, authentication success rates, transaction patterns, and grievance inputs are regularly analysed to strengthen service delivery and ensure that no eligible beneficiary is excluded. Further, the entire PDS IT ecosystem is being modernised under **SMART-PDS**, using a new microservices-based architecture hosted on cloud infrastructure, which will further enhance reliability, scalability, and beneficiary experience.
