

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH MARCH, 2026

ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD (ONORC) SCHEME

3149. DR. GUMMA THANUJA RANI:

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

- (a): whether the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme has been successfully implemented across all States and Union Territories;
- (b): if so, whether any challenges have been faced in ensuring seamless access to ration entitlements by migrant workers under this scheme; and
- (c): if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to address these challenges and ensure effective nationwide implementation of the scheme?

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(a) to (c): The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) is a technology-driven initiative of the Department of Food and Public Distribution that enables nationwide portability of ration cards for beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA). The system allows eligible beneficiaries, particularly migrant workers and other mobile populations, to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country through Aadhaar-based biometric authentication using ePoS devices. The system integrates ration card databases of all States/UTs and facilitates seamless portability through interoperable ePoS devices deployed at Fair Price Shops.

The implementation of ONORC was carried out in a phased manner, beginning with pilot inter-State portability transactions in August 2019, followed by gradual onboarding of States/UTs. At present, ONORC has been successfully implemented across all 36 States and Union Territories, covering about 80 crore NFSA beneficiaries (100% of the NFSA population). Accordingly, the ONORC facility is seamlessly available to all PMGKAY beneficiaries across the country.
