

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1631
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026

IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD SCHEME

1631 SMT. DIMPLE YADAV:

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) Scheme in Mainpuri district, Uttar Pradesh and if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (b) the total number of beneficiaries who have availed intra-State and inter-State portability under the said Scheme during the last three years, year, State and district-wise particularly for Mainpuri in Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) the number of complaints received regarding denial of foodgrains, Aadhaar authentication failures, biometric mismatches and technical glitches, along with the action taken thereon, State and district-wise, particularly for Mainpuri in Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the impact of such issues on migrant workers and other beneficiaries in Mainpuri and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the corrective measures taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted ration delivery and strengthen grievance redressal in the said district?

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(a): The One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) system has been implemented across all 36 States/UTs (including Mainpuri District of Uttar Pradesh), enabling NFSA beneficiaries to access their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop in the country through Aadhaar-based biometric or OTP authentication. Since its launch (till 08.07.2026), over **221** crore portability transactions have been recorded, benefiting migrant NFSA beneficiaries.

(b): A statement showing numbers of Inter-State and intra-State ONORC transactions State-wise for last three years is at **Annexure-I** and numbers of Inter-State and Intra-State ONORC transactions of Uttar Pradesh district-wise is at **Annexure-II**.

(c) & (d): Multiple authentication modes have been provisioned under the Public Distribution System (PDS), including Single Finger, Fusion Finger, IRIS, and Aadhaar-based OTP authentication.

In cases where authentication by one household member fails, other eligible family members linked to the ration card are permitted to authenticate and draw foodgrains. Additionally, a nominee facility has been provided in exceptional cases, allowing beneficiaries to authorise another individual to lift ration on their behalf. The e-PoS devices have a functionality to work in offline mode with limited/ no internet connectivity. e-PoS devices are required to periodically connect to a network to synchronize offline transaction data with the PDS online system.

All States/UTs have been advised that no genuine beneficiary/household shall be denied from receiving entitled quota of subsidised foodgrains due to failure of biometric/Aadhaar authentication due to network/connectivity/linking related issues, other technical reasons or poor biometrics of the beneficiary.

These measures ensure that eligible beneficiaries (including migrants) are not denied their entitlements.

(e): The measures taken by the Government to ensure uninterrupted ration delivery and strengthen grievance redressal mechanism for NFSA beneficiaries are as follows:

i. Digitisation & Aadhaar seeding: Ration cards/beneficiary database 100% digitised in all States/UTs; 99.7% of ration cards Aadhaar-seeded, eliminating bogus/duplicate cards.

ii. Transparency & grievance redressal: Transparency portals and online grievance redressal/toll-free helplines operational in all States/UTs.

iii. Online allocation & supply chain computerisation: Online allocation implemented in all States/UTs; supply chain computerised in 31 States/UTs (except Chandigarh, Puducherry and urban Dadra & Nagar Haveli, which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer).

iv. ePoS-based Aadhaar authentication at FPS level: 5.50 lakh (99.8%) of 5.51 lakh Fair Price Shops automated with ePoS devices, ensuring biometric authentication of beneficiaries at the point of distribution and curbing diversion.

v. One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC): Nationwide portability implemented across all 36 States/UTs, covering all PMGKAY beneficiaries; over 221 crore portability transactions recorded to date, reducing exclusion and duplicate entitlement claims.

vi. Rightful Targeting (RT): A dedicated de-duplication and beneficiary-verification exercise using Aadhaar/PDS data analytics has led to identification and deletion of ineligible/duplicate beneficiaries, with 5.95 Cr flagged beneficiaries (excluding landholding cases) and 2.35 Cr deleted beneficiaries.

vii. SMART-PDS reform initiative: Being implemented with modules for Ration Card Management, Distribution, Supply Chain and Grievance Redressal to further standardise and digitally integrate State-level TPDS operations.

viii. NIRMAL & SAKSHAM: New initiatives under the SARTHAK PDS Umbrella Scheme (2026-31) aimed at strengthening data architecture/analytics (NIRMAL) and real-time data integration (including VLTS) from Procurement of food grains to Distribution to the beneficiaries (SAKSHAM).

Annexure-I

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1631 in the Lok Sabha on 29.07.2026.

Numbers of Inter State and Intra State ONORC Transactions State-wise

Sr. No.	State Name	2023		2024		2025	
		Inter State	Intra State	Inter State	Intra State	Inter State	Intra State
1	ANDAMAN AND NICOBAR ISLANDS	176	14,036	340	16,145	162	20,974
2	ANDHRA PRADESH	5	2,34,79,098	-	2,52,17,768	159	2,73,25,769
3	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	-	-	3	88	-	-
4	ASSAM	50	7,30,739	423	3,46,159	766	3,23,605
5	BIHAR	12,044	9,10,77,707	53,521	10,85,89,164	84,747	13,22,36,310
6	CHHATTISGARH	70	-	3,892	-	8,131	24,67,157
7	DADAR & NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU	50,322	48,067	1,02,189	45,925	1,03,028	71,021
8	DELHI	31,32,502	19,71,226	49,75,113	84,12,837	58,11,947	89,55,049

9	GOA	5,445	17,484	20,725	32,127	30,127	46,525
10	GUJARAT	1,21,015	13,20,620	1,98,559	18,39,523	2,11,316	24,13,252
11	HARYANA	4,42,865	1,15,25,158	7,09,555	2,08,47,555	9,33,610	2,23,82,138
12	HIMACHAL PRADESH	37,335	936	1,17,600	99	-	31
13	JAMMU AND KASHMIR	37,678	6,24,950	74,094	8,24,961	81,350	9,01,219
14	JHARKHAND	11,661	33,18,280	21,942	45,25,665	25,666	47,50,107
15	KARNATAKA	4	1,25,62,916	-	1,24,65,740	-	1,17,69,583
16	KERALA	11,984	1,35,15,222	30,805	1,49,34,998	38,250	1,62,63,082
17	LADAKH	118	87	302	2,724	92	9,205
18	LAKSHADWEEP	-	11,056	1	19,960	-	18,036
19	MADHYA PRADESH	16,190	1,45,64,873	58,836	1,68,48,549	58,367	1,81,85,859
20	MAHARASHTRA	2,34,020	1,17,48,227	6,70,750	1,34,77,593	8,74,642	1,46,62,510
21	MEGHALAYA	75	75	149	104	221	81
22	MIZORAM	137	7,204	1	12,459	-	32,155
23	NAGALAND	17	20,411	7	30,531	-	47,160
24	ODISHA	703	7,97,464	55	9,90,360	-	14,71,888
25	PUDUCHERRY	-	-	-		1	2
26	PUNJAB	1,788	31,32,668	13,836	1,27,00,112	47,145	1,61,04,357

27	RAJASTHAN	-	2,69,37,165	1,48,770	2,82,88,142	2,35,454	3,17,16,705
28	SIKKIM	638	6,460	1,271	26,387	1,044	8,690
29	TAMIL NADU	4,046	38,30,133	4,618	47,93,707	1,290	55,66,166
30	TELANGANA	12,498	107	60,454	2,03,10,839	71,038	2,20,45,134
31	TRIPURA	1,162	4,08,210	5,192	3,49,973	5,494	3,89,302
32	UTTAR PRADESH	-	2,98,13,083	165	3,66,43,138	636	4,27,88,650
33	UTTARAKHAND	77,950	1,98,976	1,56,241	1,86,820	1,85,573	2,60,674
34	WEST BENGAL	11,811	40,49,345	46,439	46,22,999	75,010	36,88,484
	Grand Total	4,224,309	25,57,31,983	74,75,848	33,74,03,151	88,85,266	38,69,20,880

Annexure-II

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1631 in the Lok Sabha on 29.07.2026.

Numbers of Inter State and Intra State ONORC Transactions in Uttar Pradesh District-wise

S. No.	District	2023		2024		2025	
		Inter State	Intra State	Inter State	Intra State	Inter State	Intra State
1	AGRA	0	6,16,981	2	8,34,704	0	9,73,429
2	ALIGARH	0	6,47,249	4	7,94,819	4	9,06,496
3	AMBEDKAR NAGAR	0	1,39,136	0	2,01,388	0	2,67,100
4	AMETHI	0	1,71,618	0	2,10,864	2	2,63,990
5	AMROHA	0	2,34,694	2	2,94,508	0	3,29,019
6	AURAIYA	0	2,93,152	2	3,60,607	6	3,65,841
7	AYODHYA	0	2,78,478	0	3,54,571	0	4,04,321
8	AZAMGARH	0	2,59,941	0	3,52,746	2	4,24,059
9	BAGHPAT	0	1,75,636	23	2,08,420	83	2,43,128
10	BAHRAICH	0	4,20,324	6	5,37,055	4	6,31,844
11	BALLIA	0	5,34,397	2	6,29,124	6	6,93,083
12	BALRAMPUR	0	2,09,231	0	2,83,765	4	3,52,531
13	BANDA	0	2,83,304	0	3,45,136	4	4,13,224
14	BARABANKI	0	5,37,484	4	6,36,427	10	7,25,010
15	BAREILLY	0	7,52,162	4	9,26,465	2	10,28,712
16	BASTI	0	1,93,996	0	2,53,708	0	3,13,268
17	BHADOHI	0	1,62,364	2	2,13,369	2	2,55,782
18	BIJNOR	0	4,05,952	0	5,07,309	4	6,21,460
19	BUDAUN	0	3,26,939	8	4,22,294	4	4,98,618
20	BULANDSHAHR	0	3,78,485	4	5,09,183	8	5,73,230

21	CHANDAULI	0	1,19,903	0	1,59,174	2	1,82,370
22	CHITRAKOOT	0	1,83,029	0	2,19,600	9	2,57,569
23	DEORIA	0	2,11,595	0	2,99,750	0	4,06,576
24	ETAH	0	2,23,311	0	3,03,230	4	3,67,659
25	ETAWAH	0	2,09,615	0	2,78,793	0	3,38,103
26	FARRUKHABAD	0	5,14,715	6	6,04,956	16	6,85,017
27	FATEHPUR	0	2,37,844	0	3,23,447	6	4,11,814
28	FIROZABAD	0	4,99,975	0	6,33,450	4	7,67,862
29	GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR	0	6,22,237	0	6,69,263	0	7,28,632
30	GHAZIABAD	0	9,59,729	2	11,19,232	0	13,21,611
31	GHAZIPUR	0	2,63,999	0	3,49,850	8	4,22,036
32	GONDA	0	5,68,638	0	6,64,014	2	7,22,845
33	GORAKHPUR	0	4,67,111	4	5,64,433	2	6,64,381
34	HAMIRPUR	0	2,18,916	0	2,59,849	4	3,02,585
35	HAPUR	0	1,86,028	0	2,36,722	2	2,73,304
36	HARDOI	0	7,08,462	4	8,97,086	8	10,02,670
37	HATHRAS	0	1,56,047	0	2,21,641	0	2,96,499
38	JALAUN	0	3,45,764	0	4,02,583	28	4,53,912
39	JAUNPUR	0	2,70,717	2	3,50,557	0	4,55,301
40	JHANSI	0	4,45,193	14	4,97,801	101	5,60,679
41	KANNAUJ	0	2,39,508	0	3,16,482	0	3,98,935
42	KANPUR DEHAT	0	2,06,278	0	2,96,495	2	3,79,693
43	KANPUR NAGAR	0	12,83,722	2	15,64,172	4	18,57,147
44	KASGANJ	0	1,60,591	0	2,23,122	0	2,66,377
45	KAUSHAMBI	0	1,71,194	0	2,02,491	2	2,62,908
46	KHERI	0	9,72,825	0	11,92,274	2	13,47,325
47	KUSHI NAGAR	0	4,55,092	4	5,69,937	4	6,64,831

48	LALITPUR	0	1,86,175	0	2,40,817	0	2,82,319
49	LUCKNOW	0	17,33,161	8	18,86,115	16	21,91,376
50	MAHARAJGANJ	0	2,65,972	0	2,94,775	0	3,70,423
51	MAHOBA	0	1,79,752	0	2,15,107	56	2,73,028
52	MAINPURI	0	2,14,745	2	2,89,361	0	3,64,828
53	MATHURA	0	4,81,553	4	5,96,938	4	6,58,477
54	MAU	0	1,75,035	2	2,49,106	0	2,98,920
55	MEERUT	0	6,85,021	0	8,76,649	86	10,24,977
56	MIRZAPUR	0	1,14,869	4	1,67,543	0	2,26,231
57	MORADABAD	0	6,14,051	4	7,36,819	2	8,15,431
58	MUZAFFARNAGAR	0	5,87,185	2	5,93,070	4	6,97,490
59	PILIBHIT	0	2,79,991	2	3,46,758	0	4,51,264
60	PRATAPGARH	0	3,38,199	2	4,12,859	4	4,83,071
61	PRAYAGRAJ	0	8,46,815	2	10,54,838	2	11,82,835
62	RAE BARELI	0	3,30,148	0	3,96,691	2	4,76,406
63	RAMPUR	0	2,52,258	8	3,06,225	2	3,29,598
64	SAHARANPUR	0	3,03,466	4	3,59,163	2	3,94,598
65	SAMBHAL	0	3,73,127	8	4,53,271	0	4,74,953
66	SANT KABEER NAGAR	0	1,61,874	0	1,92,580	0	2,61,541
67	SHAHJAHANPUR	0	6,50,746	6	7,91,376	8	8,87,737
68	SHAMLI	0	2,03,207	0	2,55,838	0	2,98,351
69	SHRAVASTI	0	1,57,009	0	1,88,354	2	1,88,489
70	SIDDHARTH NAGAR	0	2,07,444	0	2,62,006	6	3,15,988
71	SITAPUR	0	10,39,906	0	12,70,806	72	15,22,710
72	SONBHADRA	0	4,06,841	0	5,44,014	10	5,76,495
73	SULTANPUR	0	3,05,701	2	3,85,498	0	4,77,759
74	UNNAO	0	4,24,939	0	5,08,157	0	6,11,573

75	VARANASI	0	3,70,332	4	4,71,538	3	5,68,996
	Grand Total	0	2,98,13,083	165	3,66,43,138	636	4,27,88,650
