

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 493
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2026

ACTIVE RATION CARDS

493 SMT. DELKAR KALABEN MOHANBHAI:

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 till July 2026, State-wise;
- (b): the total number of ration cards cancelled during 2024 to 2026, State and year-wise;
- (c): the major reasons cited for cancellation of ration cards along with the number of ration cards, year-wise;
- (d): the number of ration cards cancelled due to non-completion of e-KYC or Aadhaar authentication, year-wise;
- (e): whether the Government has received reports or complaints of ration cards being wrongly cancelled;
- (f): if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to verify the eligible beneficiaries and restore them; and
- (g): the details thereof in respect of Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar Haveli?

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

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- (a): A statement showing State/UT-wise number of ration cards is at **Annexure-I**.
 - (b): A statement showing deleted Ration Cards reported by States/UTs and year-wise is at **Annexure-II**.
 - (c) & (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) & (g): No specific report or complaints of wrongful cancellation of ration card is received.

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 493 in the Lok Sabha on 22.07.2026.

Annexure-I

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

S. No.	States/UTs	Ration Cards
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	17,605
2	Andhra Pradesh	89,01,510
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,83,922
4	Assam	70,66,172
5	Bihar	2,05,04,420
6	Chandigarh	78,853
7	Chhattisgarh	57,47,699
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	57,706
9	Delhi	17,11,898
10	Goa	1,19,400
11	Gujarat	76,05,598
12	Haryana	40,00,125
13	Himachal Pradesh	7,32,941
14	Jammu And Kashmir	16,57,861
15	Jharkhand	59,96,484
16	Karnataka	1,09,16,903
17	Kerala	43,66,151
18	Ladakh	28,105
19	Lakshadweep	4,603
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,33,25,292
21	Maharashtra	1,68,41,102
22	Manipur	5,80,107
23	Meghalaya	4,19,396
24	Mizoram	1,80,582
25	Nagaland	3,20,067
26	Odisha	97,55,728
27	Puducherry	2,09,180
28	Punjab	40,87,887
29	Rajasthan	1,07,42,344
30	Sikkim	96,632
31	Tamil Nadu	1,17,13,709
32	Telangana	56,70,959
33	Tripura	6,02,445
34	Uttarakhand	13,75,843
35	Uttar Pradesh	3,65,29,194
36	West Bengal	1,36,32,632
	Total	20,57,81,055

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 493 in the Lok Sabha on 22.07.2026.

Annexure-II

State/UT-wise deleted Ration Cards (2024 & 25)

S. No.	States/UTs	2024	2025
1	Andaman And Nicobar Islands	512	102
2	Andhra Pradesh	49,215	50,681
3	Arunachal Pradesh	268	1,128
4	Assam	1,61,516	24,381
5	Bihar	16,86,266	1,49,043
6	Chandigarh	207	2,401
7	Chhattisgarh	57,371	60,496
8	Dadar & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu	151	1,101
9	Delhi	61,292	11,438
10	Goa	166	3,467
11	Gujarat	30,889	69,102
12	Haryana	3,28,557	13,43,474
13	Himachal Pradesh	9,673	7,400
14	Jammu And Kashmir	4,767	3,036
15	Jharkhand	6,374	67,730
16	Karnataka	27,105	50,594
17	Kerala	11,555	7,261
18	Ladakh	615	764
19	Lakshadweep	88	32
20	Madhya Pradesh	7,04,848	2,60,285
21	Maharashtra	1,74,342	1,33,469
22	Manipur	7,215	6,515
23	Meghalaya	449	102
24	Mizoram	2,548	742
25	Nagaland	3,924	1,347
26	Odisha	19,420	1,21,134
27	Puducherry	898	763
28	Punjab	7,520	2,290
29	Rajasthan	1,03,444	6,05,826
30	Sikkim	604	2,116
31	Tamil Nadu	63,905	33,339
32	Telangana	3,424	1,40,947
33	Tripura	467	4,334
34	Uttarakhand	4,589	3,014
35	Uttar Pradesh	8,41,123	5,97,012
36	West Bengal	5,09,952	3,74,519
	Total	48,85,259	41,41,385
