Introduction of E-POS system

1496. SHRI K. SOMAPRASAD: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and number of ration cards and card holders in the country, Statewise and category-wise;
- (b) the total number of SC and ST card holders in the country, State-wise including Kerala;
- (c) whether the electronic point of sale (e-PoS) system has been completely introduced across the country; and
 - (d) if not, the details of sales and, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO): (a) and (b) Under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA), ration cards are issued under two categories, namely- Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Households (PHH) in all States/UTs including Kerala. No information is maintained in this Department with respect to number of SC and ST ration card holders under NFSA categories. Details A Statement showing State/UT wise and category wise number of ration

cards / ration card holders at present under NFSA in the country is given in Statement (See below).

(c) and (d) Under Public Distribution System (PDS) reforms, so far, electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices have been installed in about 90% of total 5.4 Lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) of the country. Remaining 10% FPSs without ePoS devices are in the States/UTs of Delhi, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and some FPSs in Uttarakhand and Manipur. The use of ePoS devices in Delhi is suspended since April 2018. Details of foodgrains distributed through ePoS and without ePoS are captured on central Annavitran portal and are available in public domain.

Statement

State/UT-wise and category-wise number of ration cards/
ration card holders under NFSA

(in Lakhs)

| Sl. No. State/UT | | No. of NFSA Ration Cards/ Ration Card Holders | | |
|------------------|---|--|--------|-------|
| | | AAY | PHH | Total |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 0.04 | 0.13 | 0.2 |
| 2. | Andhra Pradesh | 9.08 | 81.19 | 90.3 |
| 3. | Arunachal Pradesh | 0.38 | 1.40 | 1.8 |
| 4. | Assam | 6.92 | 51.14 | 58.1 |
| 5. | Bihar | 23.64 | 140.01 | 163.7 |
| 6. | Chandigarh | 0.002 | 0.67 | 0.7 |
| 7. | Chhattisgarh | 7.26 | 45.57 | 52.8 |
| 8. | Delhi | 0.68 | 16.86 | 17.5 |
| 9. | Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu | 0.05 | 0.57 | 0.7 |
| 10. | Goa | 0.12 | 1.30 | 1.4 |
| 11. | Gujarat | 8.06 | 57.39 | 65.5 |

| Written Answers to | | [23 September, 2020] | Unstarred Questions 24 | |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 12. | Haryana | 2.50 | 24.50 | 27.0 |
| 13. | Himachal Pradesh | 1.78 | 5.01 | 6.8 |
| 14. | Jammu and Kashmir | 2.39 | 14.08 | 16.5 |
| 15. | Jharkhand | 9.11 | 48.03 | 57.1 |
| 16. | Karnataka | 10.93 | 116.54 | 127.5 |
| 17. | Kerala | 5.92 | 31.55 | 37.5 |
| 18. | Ladakh | 0.06 | 0.23 | 0.3 |
| 19. | Lakshadweep | 0.01 | 0.04 | 0.1 |
| 20. | Madhya Pradesh | 13.83 | 103.65 | 117.5 |
| 21. | Maharashtra | 24.56 | 128.28 | 152.8 |
| 22. | Manipur | 0.67 | 5.29 | 6.0 |
| 23. | Meghalaya | 0.70 | 3.51 | 4.2 |
| 24. | Mizoram | 0.26 | 1.30 | 1.6 |
| 25. | Nagaland | 0.47 | 2.38 | 2.9 |
| 26. | Odisha | 12.60 | 80.29 | 92.9 |
| 27. | Puducherry | 0.26 | 1.51 | 1.8 |
| 28. | Punjab | 1.01 | 33.58 | 34.6 |
| 29. | Rajasthan | 6.57 | 105.06 | 111.6 |
| 3 0. | Sikkim | 0.16 | 0.77 | 0.9 |
| 31. | Tamil Nadu | 18.65 | 92.64 | 111.3 |
| 32. | Telangana | 5.64 | 47.74 | 53.4 |
| 33. | Tripura | 1.09 | 4.70 | 5.8 |
| 34. | Uttar Pradesh | 40.70 | 314.27 | 355.0 |
| 35. | Uttarakhand | 1.84 | 11.74 | 13.6 |
| 3 6. | West Bengal | 16.38 | 547.16 | 563.5 |
| | Total | 234.35 | 2120.07 | 2,354.4 |