

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2794
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH MARCH, 2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD SCHEME

2794 # DR. KIRODI LAL MEENA:

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

- (a) whether Government has provided free ration to the migrants under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the steps being taken for implementation of "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme across all the States in the country; and
- (d) the status of implementation of "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme in Rajasthan, along with the number of persons who have benefited under PMGKAY in the State of Rajasthan?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
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(a) & (b): Under the "Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY)" the Department has allocated a total of about 321 Lakh Metric Tons (LMT) additional foodgrains to the States/UTs for free-of-cost distribution of foodgrains to around all 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries at a scale of 5 kg per person per month during the period April 2020 to November 2020, over and above their regular monthly NFSA entitlements of both Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) and Priority Household (PHH) categories.

Besides above, another 8 LMT foodgrains were also allocated under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme (ANBS) for free-of-cost distribution to about 8 Crore estimated migrants/stranded migrants across the country at the scale of 5 Kg per person per month for a period of two months i.e. May and June 2020. The distribution period of these foodgrains was extended up 31.08.2020.

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(c) & (d): Presently, the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan for nation-wide portability of ration cards under NFSA is enabled in 32 States/UTs including Rajasthan, covering about 69 crore beneficiaries (86% of total NFSA population) in the country to seamlessly lift their NFSA foodgrains from any electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) enabled Fair Price Shop (FPS) of choice in these States/UTs. Further, the Department has provided technical and other requisite support to remaining States/UTs to start portability of ration cards under ONORC at the earliest. Follow-up meetings / video conferencing are held with these States/UT to review their progress and challenges from time to time.

The Government of Rajasthan had enabled the ONORC from October 2019. Further, as per the reports available from the State Government, an average of about 4.38 Crore (98%) NFSA beneficiaries of the State have lifted the free foodgrains under PMGKAY every month during the period April – November 2020.
