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

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.46
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23RD JULY, 2021

IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD SCHEME

46 SHRI RAJMANI PATEL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Central Government has formulated any plan to implement "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme;
- (b) if so, the details of the action plan for implementing the "One Nation One Ration Card" scheme;
- (c) the details of the budget allocated to implement this scheme; and
- (d) the manner in which Government would help the labourers who have not yet upgraded their ration cards to the new system?

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MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC
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(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE
STARRED QUESTION NO. *46 FOR ANSWER ON 23.07.2021 IN THE RAJYA
SABHA.**

(a) to (d): Yes sir. One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan ensures nation-wide seamless portability of the ration benefits distributed by the States/UTs under the National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013. Through this technology driven reform, around 80 Crore NFSA beneficiaries, are empowered to lift their NFSA foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice, anywhere in the country, by using their same existing ration card with biometric authentication on an electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device. The family back home can also lift the part of the NFSA ration in the home State/UT on the same ration card.

So far, this reform is enabled in a total of **32 States/UTs**, covering almost **86%** NFSA population (around **69 Crore** NFSA beneficiaries) in the country. Further, regular follow up has been done with 4 remaining States/UT of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal to enable the ONORC plan for the benefit of migrant NFSA beneficiaries.

This initiative is a major component of a central sector scheme namely – Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IMPDS) having a total outlay of **Rs. 127.3 Crore** for implementation across the country. Funds are released to States/UTs for technical resources and capacity building.

To avail the facility of ration cards portability under ONORC, the migrant NFSA beneficiaries (migrant workers/labourers) are **not required to upgrade their ration cards or obtain a new ration card**. The beneficiaries can seamlessly use their existing same ration card/ copy of same ration card/ or by simply quoting either their ration card number or Aadhaar number to any ePoS enabled FPS dealer, and lift their part/full foodgrains as per the entitlement under NFSA.
