

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.845
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30TH JULY, 2024

DIGITIZATION OF PDS

845 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

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

- (a) the details and budget allocation to digitize the Public Distribution System (PDS);
- (b) the number of PDS outlets digitized in the past and their geographical distribution;
- (c) the impact of PDS digitization on reducing leakages and ensuring food security, supported by relevant data; and
- (d) the mechanisms in place to monitor and evaluate the outcomes of PDS digitization, and the key performance indicators tracked?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
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(a): This Department has implemented 'End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operations' scheme on a cost sharing basis with the States/UTs. The Government approved the Scheme in October 2012 with budget of Rs. 884.07 crore, which included Government of India's share of Rs. 489.37 crore and States/UTs' share of Rs. 394.70 crore. The validity of the scheme was up to 31.03.2020.

Under this scheme, ration cards/beneficiaries database have been completely digitized in all States/UTs. The transparency portal and online grievance redressal facility/Toll-free number have been implemented in all States/UTs. Also online allocation has been implemented in all States/UTs (except UTs of Chandigarh and Puducherry which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer scheme) and supply chain has been computerized in 31 States/UTs.

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(b): So far, nearly 5.41 Lakh out of total 5.43 Lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) in the country (including the State of Tamil Nadu) have been automated by installing ePoS devices. A statement showing State/UT wise total number FPSs Operational with ePoS devices is at **Annexure**.

(c): As an outcome of the use of technology in TPDS operations since 2013, i.e., digitization of ration cards/beneficiary databases, Aadhaar seeding, de-duplication process, identification of duplicates, ineligible records, deaths, permanent migration of beneficiaries, etc. all States/UTs have been able to weed-out a total of about 5.03 crore ration cards between 2013 to 2023 (till date) in order to achieve rightful targeting.

(d): Central Dashboards have been developed for continuous monitoring of key indicators of PDS operations like number of ePOS digital transactions, distribution of food grains to beneficiaries, Aadhaar Seeding in Ration Cards, installation of ePoS devices at FPSs, biometric/Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries, etc.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.845 FOR ANSWER ON 30.07.2024 IN THE RAJYA SABHA.

Statement showing State/UT wise total number Fair Price Shops (FPSs) Operational with ePoS devices

S. N.	State/UT	Total Fair Price Shops	Operational with ePOS devices	% FPS Automation
1	A&N Islands	416	416	100%
2	Andhra Pradesh	29,791	29,791	100%
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,680	1,680	100%
4	Assam	34,300	34,286	100%
5	Bihar	50,951	50,951	100%
6	Chandigarh	NA	NA	NA
7	Chhattisgarh	13,675	13,675	100%
8	DNH and D&D	114	114	100%
9	Delhi	1,993	1,993	100%
10	Goa	452	452	100%
11	Gujarat	16,949	16,949	100%
12	Haryana	9,434	9,434	100%
13	Himachal Pradesh	5,219	5,155	~99%
14	J&K	6,737	6,737	100%
15	Jharkhand	25,228	25,228	100%
16	Karnataka	20,403	20,325	~100%
17	Kerala	13,913	13,905	~100%
18	Ladakh	404	404	100%
19	Lakshadweep	39	39	100%
20	Madhya Pradesh	27,377	27,127	99%

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21	Maharashtra	52,642	52,642	100%
22	Manipur	2,339	2,339	100%
23	Meghalaya	4,735	4,727	~100%
24	Mizoram	1,258	1,258	100%
25	Nagaland	1,783	1,774	99%
26	Odisha	12,044	12,044	~100%
27	Puducherry	NA	NA	NA
28	Punjab	18,150	18,150	100%
29	Rajasthan	27,062	25,579	~95%
30	Sikkim	1,312	1,312	100%
31	Tamil Nadu	34,805	34,805	100%
32	Telangana	17,246	17,246	100%
33	Tripura	2,057	2,057	100%
34	Uttarakhand	9,059	9,059	100%
35	Uttar Pradesh	79,216	79,216	100%
36	West Bengal	20,476	20,476	100%
National Summary		5,43,259	5,41,345	99.6%
