

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 30
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05th FEBRUARY, 2019

FAKE RATION CARDS

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

- (a) whether fake ration cards are still in use in the country and BPL cards have been issued to several ineligible persons which is causing loss of revenue to the Government due to several anomalies in the public distribution system;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the number of fake ration cards seized by the Government during the last three years and the current year and the number of ineligible persons found to have been issued BPL cards, State-wise;
- (d) the source behind the distribution of the said fake ration cards and BPL cards issued to the ineligible persons including the reasons for failure on the part of the Government to get at the root of the problem; and
- (e) the reaction of the Government thereto?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAMVILAS PASWAN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *30 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 05.02.2019 IN THE LOK SABHA REGARDING

(a) to(e): As per Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2015, State/UT Governments are required to review the lists of beneficiaries every year for the purpose of deletion of ineligible families and inclusion of eligible families. State/UT Governments have been requested from time to time to carry out drives for reviewing the list of beneficiaries under TPDS.

By November 2016, all State/UT Governments adopted the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA). Under NFSA, the coverage of beneficiaries has been de-linked from the poverty estimates. As such, no BPL cards are issued under NFSA.

Government is also implementing a scheme on End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations in collaboration with all State/UT Governments. As part of the scheme, all 23 Crore (approx.) ration cards data across the country has been digitized. Further, for targeted delivery, Aadhaar numbers of beneficiaries are seeded with their ration cards for authentication. So far about 86% ration cards are seeded with Aadhaar number at the National level.

Due to the technology led reforms, State/UT Governments are able to detect and delete ineligible/fake/duplicate ration cards as also delete beneficiaries due to migration/death and change in economic status of household, etc. A total of 1.99 Crore ration cards have been deleted since the year 2015 to 2018. State-wise statement regarding the same is annexed.

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ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. *30 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 5TH FEBRUARY, 2019 IN THE LOK SABHA

Statement showing State/UT-wise number of deleted ration cards during last three years and current year

Sl.	State/UT	2015	2016	2017	2018	Total
1	Andhra Pradesh	129,202	475,023	5,449		6,09,674
2	Andaman & Nicobar	37	-			37
3	Arunachal Pradesh	115	4,396	56		4,567
4	Assam	-	108,681	42,077	135,250	2,86,008
5	Bihar	16,401	6,291			22,692
6	Chandigarh	-	-	88		88
7	Chhattisgarh	143,000	150,000	150,000		4,43,000
8	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	-	549			549
9	Daman & Diu	262	101	272	4,898	5,533
10	Delhi	38,496	22,696	3,969	486	65,647
11	Goa	145,471	10,115			1,55,586
12	Gujarat	45,833	22,119	18,965	95,659	1,82,576
13	Haryana	43,515	19,648	29,686	291,926	3,84,775
14	Himachal Pradesh	-	1,148	172	56,858	58,178
15	Jammu and Kashmir	3,325	50,709	664		54,698
16	Jharkhand	7,914	446,025			4,53,939
17	Karnataka	761,326	144,432	326,382	4,572	12,36,712
18	Kerala	-	-	-	3,314	3,314
19	Lakshadweep	872	442			1,314
20	Madhya Pradesh	-	389,124	184,673		5,73,797
21	Maharashtra	820,780	1,155,908			19,76,688
22	Manipur	-	-	336		336
23	Meghalaya	-	-	-	370	370
24	Mizoram	53	101	559		713
25	Nagaland	-	-	8,521		8,521
26	Odisha	-	650,471	35,740		6,86,211
27	Puducherry	56,121	9,886			66,007
28	Punjab	-	-	69,945	34,972	1,04,917
29	Rajasthan	26,329	1,371,230	73,110	8,016	14,78,685
30	Sikkim	-	11,714	1,126		12,840
31	Tamil Nadu	114,175	84,470	9,089	-	2,07,734
32	Telangana	83,048	521,790			6,04,838
33	Tripura	66,236	92,728			1,58,964
34	Uttar Pradesh	233,847	2,586,541	4,441,748		72,62,136
35	Uttarakhand	111,367	89,984	318,718	126,268	6,46,337
36	West Bengal	2,184,152	-			21,84,152
	Grand Total	50,31,877	84,26,322	57,21,345	7,62,589	1,99,42,133

Remarks:

1) Cards deleted due to detection of Ghost/fraudulent/duplicate/ineligible/migration /deaths, etc. during the process of digitization, de-duplication, Aadhaar seeding in run-up /implementation of NFSA. The information is compiled as per information received from the States/UTs.

2) West Bengal has individual Ration Cards system
