

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1711
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29TH JULY, 2026

DIGITAL REFORMS IN PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

1711 DR. BHOLA SINGH:

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

- (a) the number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act and One Nation One Ration Card Scheme in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise, including Bulandshahr district;
- (b) the number of Fair Price Shops equipped with electronic Point of Sale devices and Aadhaar-based authentication facilities in said district;
- (c) the number of portability transactions recorded under One Nation One Ration Card in the said district during the last three years;
- (d) whether the Government has identified instances of authentication failure or interruption in access to subsidised foodgrains in rural areas and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to strengthen end-to-end computerisation, digital monitoring and uninterrupted delivery of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries?

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- (a): The number of beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act and One Nation One Ration Card in Uttar Pradesh, district-wise, including Bulandshahr district is at **Annexure-I**.
 - (b): A total of 1,335 Fair Price Shops are equipped with electronic Point of Sale devices and Aadhaar-based authentication facilities in Bulandshahr district.
 - (c): The number of portability transactions recorded under One Nation One Ration Card in Bulandshahr district in last three years is as follows:

Year	Inter-State Total	Intra-State Total	Grand Total
2023	0	3,78,485	3,78,485
2024	4	5,08,183	5,08,187
2025	8	5,72,230	5,72,238
2026 (Jan–Jun)	549	3,05,248	3,05,797

(d): No such instances have been reported to this Department. Further, all States/UTs have been advised that no beneficiary or household shall be denied their entitled quantity of foodgrains due to failure of biometric or Aadhaar authentication arising from network connectivity issues, technical reasons, Aadhaar linking issues, or poor biometric quality. States/UTs have been instructed to follow alternative and exception handling mechanisms to ensure uninterrupted access to foodgrains.

(e): The steps taken by the Government to strengthen end-to-end computerisation, digital monitoring and uninterrupted delivery of foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries are as follows –

i. Digitisation & Aadhaar seeding: Ration cards/beneficiary database 100% digitised in all States/UTs; 99.7% of ration cards Aadhaar-seeded, eliminating ineligible/duplicate cards.

ii. Transparency & grievance redressal: Transparency portals and online grievance redressal/toll-free helplines operational in all States/UTs.

iii. Online allocation & supply chain computerisation: Online allocation implemented in all States/UTs; supply chain computerised in 31 States/UTs (except Chandigarh, Puducherry and urban Dadra & Nagar Haveli, which have adopted DBT Cash Transfer).

iv. ePoS-based Aadhaar authentication at FPS level: 5.50 lakh (99.8%) of 5.51 lakh Fair Price Shops automated with ePoS devices, ensuring biometric authentication of beneficiaries at the point of distribution and curbing diversion.

v. One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC): Nationwide portability implemented across all 36 States/UTs, covering all PMGKAY beneficiaries; over 221 crore portability transactions recorded to date, reducing exclusion and duplicate entitlement claims.

vi. Rightful Targeting (RT): A dedicated de-duplication and beneficiary-verification exercise using Aadhaar/PDS data analytics has led to identification and deletion of ineligible/duplicate beneficiaries, with 5.95 Cr flagged beneficiaries (excluding landholding cases) and 2.35 Cr deleted beneficiaries.

vii. SMART-PDS reform initiative: Being implemented with modules for Ration Card Management, Distribution, Supply Chain and Grievance Redressal to further standardise and digitally integrate State-level TPDS operations.

viii. NIRMAL & SAKSHAM: New initiatives under the SARTHAK PDS Umbrella Scheme (2026–31) aimed at strengthening data architecture/analytics (NIRMAL) and real-time data integration (including VLTS) from Procurement of food grains to Distribution to the beneficiaries (Saksham).

Annexure referred to in the reply to Part (a) of Unstarred Question No. 1711 in the Lok Sabha on 29.07.2026.

Number of Beneficiaries (district-wise) under the National Food Security Act and One Nation One Ration Card in Uttar Pradesh

S.No.	State Name	District Name	Beneficiary Count
1	UTTAR PRADESH	AGRA	30,70,335
2	UTTAR PRADESH	ALIGARH	25,86,073
3	UTTAR PRADESH	AMBEDKAR NAGAR	18,59,033
4	UTTAR PRADESH	AMETHI	13,94,274
5	UTTAR PRADESH	AMROHA	12,94,588
6	UTTAR PRADESH	AURAIYA	10,47,719
7	UTTAR PRADESH	AYODHYA	18,33,018
8	UTTAR PRADESH	AZAMGARH	33,45,630
9	UTTAR PRADESH	BAGHPAT	8,81,487
10	UTTAR PRADESH	BAHRAICH	27,00,719
11	UTTAR PRADESH	BALLIA	24,84,041
12	UTTAR PRADESH	BALRAMPUR	15,92,963
13	UTTAR PRADESH	BANDA	13,12,913
14	UTTAR PRADESH	BARABANKI	25,64,140
15	UTTAR PRADESH	BAREILLY	31,67,434
16	UTTAR PRADESH	BASTI	18,34,921
17	UTTAR PRADESH	BHADOHI	12,05,683
18	UTTAR PRADESH	BIJNOR	27,69,894
19	UTTAR PRADESH	BUDAUN	22,74,768
20	UTTAR PRADESH	BULANDSHAHR	25,94,492
21	UTTAR PRADESH	CHANDAULI	14,50,153
22	UTTAR PRADESH	CHITRAKOOT	8,38,985
23	UTTAR PRADESH	DEORIA	23,74,621
24	UTTAR PRADESH	ETAH	13,25,735
25	UTTAR PRADESH	ETAWAH	11,00,101
26	UTTAR PRADESH	FARRUKHABAD	13,95,870
27	UTTAR PRADESH	FATEHPUR	19,48,530
28	UTTAR PRADESH	FIROZABAD	19,32,122
29	UTTAR PRADESH	GAUTAM BUDDHA NAGAR	7,99,063
30	UTTAR PRADESH	GHAZIABAD	19,61,061
31	UTTAR PRADESH	GHAZIPUR	27,75,207
32	UTTAR PRADESH	GONDA	25,50,714
33	UTTAR PRADESH	GORAKHPUR	31,10,036
34	UTTAR PRADESH	HAMIRPUR	9,12,985
35	UTTAR PRADESH	HAPUR	9,80,654
36	UTTAR PRADESH	HARDOI	31,35,548
37	UTTAR PRADESH	HATHRAS	11,34,672
38	UTTAR PRADESH	JALAUN	11,48,421
39	UTTAR PRADESH	JAUNPUR	35,01,040
40	UTTAR PRADESH	JHANSI	14,23,823
41	UTTAR PRADESH	KANNAUJ	12,48,335
42	UTTAR PRADESH	KANPUR DEHAT	13,05,474

43	UTTAR PRADESH	KANPUR NAGAR	28,33,031
44	UTTAR PRADESH	KASGANJ	10,11,218
45	UTTAR PRADESH	KAUSHAMBI	12,48,364
46	UTTAR PRADESH	KHERI	31,21,672
47	UTTAR PRADESH	KUSHI NAGAR	26,97,003
48	UTTAR PRADESH	LALITPUR	9,44,606
49	UTTAR PRADESH	LUCKNOW	30,14,183
50	UTTAR PRADESH	MAHARAJGANJ	20,90,163
51	UTTAR PRADESH	MAHOBA	7,38,239
52	UTTAR PRADESH	MAINPURI	13,39,480
53	UTTAR PRADESH	MATHURA	17,67,017
54	UTTAR PRADESH	MAU	16,17,481
55	UTTAR PRADESH	MEERUT	23,75,651
56	UTTAR PRADESH	MIRZAPUR	19,03,221
57	UTTAR PRADESH	MORADABAD	22,42,990
58	UTTAR PRADESH	MUZAFFARNAGAR	21,17,539
59	UTTAR PRADESH	PILIBHIT	16,36,014
60	UTTAR PRADESH	PRATAPGARH	24,73,190
61	UTTAR PRADESH	PRAYAGRAJ	42,17,484
62	UTTAR PRADESH	RAE BARELI	21,93,629
63	UTTAR PRADESH	RAMPUR	17,16,340
64	UTTAR PRADESH	SAHARANPUR	25,46,749
65	UTTAR PRADESH	SAMBHAL	15,59,789
66	UTTAR PRADESH	SANT KABEER NAGAR	13,83,269
67	UTTAR PRADESH	SHAHJAHANPUR	22,29,251
68	UTTAR PRADESH	SHAMLI	9,44,458
69	UTTAR PRADESH	SHRAVASTI	8,78,921
70	UTTAR PRADESH	SIDDHARTH NAGAR	19,47,258
71	UTTAR PRADESH	SITAPUR	34,10,070
72	UTTAR PRADESH	SONBHADRA	14,89,527
73	UTTAR PRADESH	SULTANPUR	18,81,061
74	UTTAR PRADESH	UNNAO	22,98,429
75	UTTAR PRADESH	VARANASI	26,92,828
Total			14,67,30,250
