

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

**LOK SABHA**  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2583  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2024

**RATION SHOPS**

2583 SHRI TEJASVI SURYA:

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

- (a) the number of ration shops or PDS shops across the country involved in the distribution of foodgrains for the poor, State-wise;
- (b) the number of staff members or shop managers operating these shops across the country; and
- (c) the details about the verification methods used to authenticate beneficiaries for providing foodgrains?

**A N S W E R**  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,  
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
(SHRIMATI NIMUBEN JAYANTIBHAI BAMBHANIYA)

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(a) to (b): 5.43 Lakh (approx.) Fair Price Shops (FPSs) in the country are involved in the distribution of foodgrains. Statement showing State/UT wise number FPSs is at Annexure.

Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) is operated under the joint responsibility of the Central and the State/UT Governments. The operational responsibility & management of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) rest with the concerned State/UT Government.

(c): The verification of beneficiaries are being done through biometric based Aadhaar authentication using finger & IRIS scanner, OTP, other verification methods.

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**Annexure**

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (b) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2583 FOR ANSWER ON 07.08.2024 IN THE LOK SABHA.

**Statement showing State/UT wise total number Fair Price Shops (FPSs)**

S. N.	State/UT	Total Fair Price Shops
1	A&N Islands	416
2	Andhra Pradesh	29,791
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,680
4	Assam	34,300
5	Bihar	50,951
6	Chandigarh	NA
7	Chhattisgarh	13,675
8	DNH and D&D	114
9	Delhi	1,993
10	Goa	452
11	Gujarat	16,949
12	Haryana	9,434
13	Himachal Pradesh	5,219
14	J&K	6,737
15	Jharkhand	25,228
16	Karnataka	20,403
17	Kerala	13,913
18	Ladakh	404
19	Lakshadweep	39
20	Madhya Pradesh	27,377
21	Maharashtra	52,642
22	Manipur	2,339
23	Meghalaya	4,735
24	Mizoram	1,258
25	Nagaland	1,783
26	Odisha	12,044
27	Puducherry	NA
28	Punjab	18,150
29	Rajasthan	27,062
30	Sikkim	1,312
31	Tamil Nadu	34,805
32	Telangana	17,246
33	Tripura	2,057
34	Uttarakhand	9,059
35	Uttar Pradesh	79,216
36	West Bengal	20,476
<b>National Summary</b>		<b>5,43,259</b>

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