

## 2.82 lakh Fair Price Shops Install PoS devices so far

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The website [www.annavitran.nic.in](http://www.annavitran.nic.in) is functional and is used to monitor the electronic transactions happening at the Fair Price Shops for the distribution of foodgrains to NSFA beneficiaries with the help of PoS devices. As per information received from States/UTs out of total 5.27 lakh FPSs, more than 2.82 lakh FPSs have been automated so far. State/UT wise statement is at Annexure.

The purposes of installing electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices at FPSs are authentication of beneficiaries and electronic recording of subsidised foodgrain distribution to beneficiaries.

As compared to earlier practice of manual record-keeping of the transactions, the ePoS based transactions have the advantage that the FPS dealers are not required to manually make separate/repetitive entries of foodgrain distribution in registers and ration cards of the beneficiaries.

Connectivity to ePoS devices at FPSs is ensured by State/UT Governments. In case connectivity is not there ePoS devices can also work in offline mode.

In accordance with The Food Security (Assistance to State Governments) Rules, 2015 under NFSA, GoI is providing financial assistance to States/UTs for installation of ePoS devices at the rate of Rs. 17/quintal of foodgrains distributed through ePoS devices, towards the expenditure incurred for the purchase, operations and maintenance of the ePoS devices. Such expenditure would be shared between Centre and State Governments on 75:25 basis for special category States/UTs and on 50:50 basis for General category States/UTs.

### State/UT wise statement showing number of Fair Price Shops having PoS devices as on 05.12.2017

Sl.	States/UTs	Total No. of Fair Price Shops	No. of FPSs with Operational ePoS
1	Andhra Pradesh	28,663	28,663
2	A & N Islands	482	373
3	Arunachal Pradesh	1,731	0
4	Assam	38,238	0
5	Bihar	41,483	59
6	Chandigarh	0	0
7	Chhattisgarh	12,299	11,898
8	D & N Haveli	62	62
9	Daman & Diu	51	51
10	Delhi	2,260	14
11	Goa	446	42
12	Gujarat	17,209	17,209
13	Haryana	9,513	9,513
14	Himachal Pradesh	4,928	4,888

15	Jammu & Kashmir	5,970	0
16	Jharkhand	23,356	23,115
17	Karnataka	20,383	14,799
18	Kerala	14,335	0
19	Lakshadweep	39	0
20	Madhya Pradesh	22,469	22,469
21	Maharashtra	52,505	51,079
22	Manipur	2,154	0
23	Meghalaya	4,651	0
24	Mizoram	1,247	0
25	Nagaland	1,691	0
26	Odisha	13,306	13,306
27	Puducherry	0	0
28	Punjab	16,657	0
29	Rajasthan	25,928	25,793
30	Sikkim	1,421	20
31	Tamil Nadu	34,773	34,773
32	Telangana	17,159	11,339
33	Tripura	1,807	25
34	Uttar Pradesh	80,457	13,186
35	Uttarakhand	9,212	8
36	West Bengal	20,278	0
		<b>5,27,163</b>	<b>2,82,684</b>

This information was given by the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Shri C.R. Chaudhary today in Rajya Sabha.

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