



# 78.67% ration shops enable with Aadhaar 2, 45,706 Fair Price Shops automated so far

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In line with the direction of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013, which has been implemented in all States & UTs and covers about 81 crore beneficiaries for receiving food grains, Department in association with States/UTs is implementing the installation of electronic Point of Sale (e-PoS) devices for the biometric authentication of and distribution of the subsidised foodgrains to eligible beneficiaries. e-PoS devices facilitate the authentication of beneficiaries (preferably Aadhaar based), recording of sales to beneficiaries electronically and uploading of sale transactions data in a central server.

Out of 5.27 lakh FPSs across the country, 2,45,706 FPSs have been automated so far. As a result of FPS automation, the State/UT Governments are able to reduce ghost lifting and achieve rightful targeting of food subsidies. The progress made so far towards Aadhaar Seeding and FPSs automation (State-wise) is given in the table below.

## Status of End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations

Sl.	States/UTs^	Aadhaar Seeding	Total FPS	Operational ePoS
1	Andhra Pradesh	100	29,528	28,643
2	Chandigarh	100	0	0
3	Chhattisgarh	98	12,319	12,176
4	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	96	62	62
5	Daman & Diu	100	51	51
6	Gujarat	95	17,197	17,197
7	Jharkhand	97	23,356	23,115
8	Puducherry	100	0	0
9	Tamil Nadu	100	34,773	34,773
10	Karnataka	100	20,456	6,336
11	Madhya Pradesh	91	22,401	22,401
12	Rajasthan	95	25,617	25,617
13	Telangana	100	17,159	4,464
14	Andaman & Nicobar	100	482	373
15	Delhi	100	2,264	17
16	Goa	91	446	42
17	Haryana	86	9,543	9,507
18	Himachal Pradesh	91	4,904	4,176
19	Maharashtra	87	51,363	41,085
20	Odisha	88	13,373	13,305
21	Punjab	97	16,657	0

22	Sikkim	82	1,440	20
23	Tripura	97.52	1,800	25
24	Uttar Pradesh	77	79,645	2,254
25	Arunachal Pradesh	44.50	1,683	0
26	Assam	0	38,794	0
27	Bihar	68.83	42,117	59
28	Jammu and Kashmir	45	5,970	0
29	Kerala	98	14,335	0
30	Lakshadweep	98	39	0
31	Manipur	21.81	2,154	0
31	Meghalaya	0	4,651	0
33	Mizoram	44.59	1,248	0
34	Nagaland	6.50	1,691	0
35	Uttarakhand	90	9,212	8
36	West Bengal <sup>&amp;</sup>	62	20,278	0
	Total	78.67%	5,27,008	2,45,706

This information was given by Shri C. R. Chaudhary, the Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, in a written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.

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