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ONE NATION, ONE RATION CARD

A step towards self-reliant India

Empowering migrant NFSA beneficiaries to access PDS foodgrains from any FPS in the country.



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One Nation One Ration Card

- Allows all NFSA beneficiaries, <u>particularly migrant beneficiaries</u>, to claim either full or part foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country through existing ration card in a seamless manner.
- Their family members back home, if any, can also claim the balance foodgrains on same ration card.
- The portability of ration is making every NFSA beneficiary AtmaNirbhar.

An integral part of the "Prime Minister's Technology Driven System Reforms" under AtmaNirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

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One Nation One Ration Card

Key highlights of the system

- One of its kind Beneficiary Centric initiative in the Country.
- A technology and data driven system for nation-wide portability of ration cards under NFSA.
- Empowering NFSA Migrants with seamless food-security, anywhere in the Country.
- Ration card details and entitlements are available online on any ePoS device in the country.
- Includes both inter-State and intra-State (inter-district/intradistrict) portability of ration cards.





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Digitisation of Ration Cards

100% ration cards covering **~81 Cr.** beneficiaries are digitised in the country.



Aadhaar Seeding of Ration Cards

92% ration cards and 89% beneficiaries seeded at the national level.



Key Enablers

92% (4.96 Lakh of total 5.38 Lakh) Fair Price Shops in the country are automated.



Biometric Authentication of Beneficiaries

Avg. **70%~75%** biometrically authenticated ePoS transactions on a **monthly basis**.



Salient features of ration card portability

- Online and transparent system empowering migrants to be self-reliant for their food security anywhere in the country.
- No need for new ration card, registration or paper work - Just walk in to any ePoS enabled FPS nearby.
- No need to carry original documents (ration card or Aadhaar card). A copy of either is acceptable or just quote any of the two numbers to the FPS dealer.
- Beneficiaries authenticate their identity through Aadhaar biometrics and lift their foodgrains with satisfaction.
- Receive full or part entitlements; family back home also get foodgrains on same ration card.

Constraints addressed by ration card portability

Beneficiaries were confined to particular FPSs

- Ration Cards were tagged to a particular FPS
- Beneficiaries can avail foodgrains from tagged FPS only.
- Dependent on the whims-and-fancies of the FPS dealer

Loss of food security due to migration

- Migrant beneficiaries lose access to subsidised foodgrains
- Forced to purchase from open market at inflated prices
- Very purpose of 'Food Security' under NFSA is not fulfilled

Difficulty in getting new Ration Card

- Lengthy process to obtain new ration card at new place
- Requirement of supporting documents and local proofs
- Prone to introducing duplicity of ration card/beneficiary

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Status of implementation

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- Beginning as inter-State pilot in 4 States w.e.f.
 August 2019
- Swiftly implemented in most States/UTs in a very short span of time.
- Enabled in 32 States/UTs by December 2020.
- Covering about 69 Crore beneficiaries (almost 86% NFSA population) in the country.
- Monthly average of about 1.5~1.6 Crore portability transactions are being recorded under ONORC.
- 4 States/UT (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal) are expected to be integrated in next few months.



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Ensured food security of migrants during pandemic

- Migrant NFSA beneficiaries availed foodgrains with flexibility from any location wherever they were during the lockdown/COVID-19 period - in most States/UTs.
- The freedom of choosing any FPS is a **tremendous value-added service** to each beneficiary. (*This choice was not available earlier*).
- During April 2020 to Feb 2021, about 15.4 Crore portability transactions were carried out across States/UTs under ONORC. [includes both inter-State and intra-State (inter-district/ intra-district) portability of ration cards.]



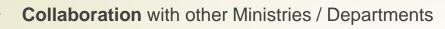
Swiftly rolled out in most States/UTs during COVID period:

Number of States/UTs under ONORC were increased from **12** States in **April 2020** to **32** States/UTs by **December 2020**.





Outreach to migrant NFSA beneficiaries



- M/o Labour & Employment: Integration of Migrants' Portal with ONROC system being done.
- M/o Housing & Urban Affairs: ONORC part of PM SVANidhi program
- Indian Railways: Awareness generation campaigning targeting migrants travelling through trains, including Shramik Specials.
- M/o I&B and MyGov: For development of IEC/Creatives and media publicity.
- **Vigorous awareness generation** in Hindi & Regional Languages
 - Audio announcements being carried out on >2,400 Railway Stations across the country.
 - Radio Spots on 167 FM & 91 Community Radio Stations, carrying message of Hon'ble PM.
 - Bus Wraps on State Transport Buses across all States/UTs under ONORC
 - Outdoor Publicity and display of banners, posters, etc. at the FPSs.
 - Extensive use of **Social Media platforms** Twitter, YouTube, MyGov for public outreach.
 - Digital display of ONROC a/v in various public dealing Govt. Offices/establishments are also being worked out.
- 5-digit '14445' toll-free number for migrant NFSA beneficiaries available in most States/UTs.
- A specially customized Android Mobile App on ONORC is also developed for the benefit of all NFSA beneficiaries and to make portability of ration easier, specifically for migrant NFSA beneficiaries.









Institutional strengthening for ONORC operations

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Department is conducting indepth trainings of State & Districts' level officials of all States/UTs through regular Video Conferencing.













A Virtual Training for over 5,000 Fair Price Shop dealers, District Supply Officers and Field Functionaries of Himachal Pradesh was organized recently through VC & Webcasting.

(Similar trainings are planned for other States/UTs also).



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Beneficiary testimonials

Prior to introduction of One Nation One Ration Card I got ration only from Karnataka. Now I can go to any shop in Telangana and get my PDS ration without any difficulty.



3 months back our family migrated to Daman. Here, my husband works in a factory. I am really happy that we are able to get our NFSA family ration from any FPS here in Daman. There is no need to be at village in Bihar to collect it.



Without this facility our families would be struggling with hunger. The facility of One Nation One Ration Card is a blessing... I and number of people from my place now take advantage of this.

> DAYANAND Home State: Maharashtra ONORC State: Telangana Ration Card No: 272000348494



I am very happy with ONORC. In Daman, the nearest FPS is just 1 km away, from where I lift my PDS ration without any difficulty. I just have to share my Aadhaar and the shapkeeper immediately issues my share of ration to me.



Also, **no adverse observations** are made in the **3rd Party Evaluation** of ONORC implementation in any State/UT.

Earlier, we faced difficulty and had to purchase Rice from open market at high price... Now, thanks to One Nation One Ration Card scheme, we get our PDS ration near our workplace

Due to COVID-19 crisis, sudden loss of Job in Maharashtra landed me at Kerala with wife and 3 children. The situation was very bad for us but thanks to the new facility we got our ration through portability & our food needs were taken care of.

I am very happy that I get my ration at nearest FPS in North Goa itself. Now, I no Ionger have to travel 350 kms all the way to Bijapur in Karnataka, to collect my PDS ration every month. IGNOLE Home State: Karnataka ONORC State: Kerola

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