

‘One Nation One Ration Card’

Making food security portable throughout the country

100% Digitisation of Ration Cards

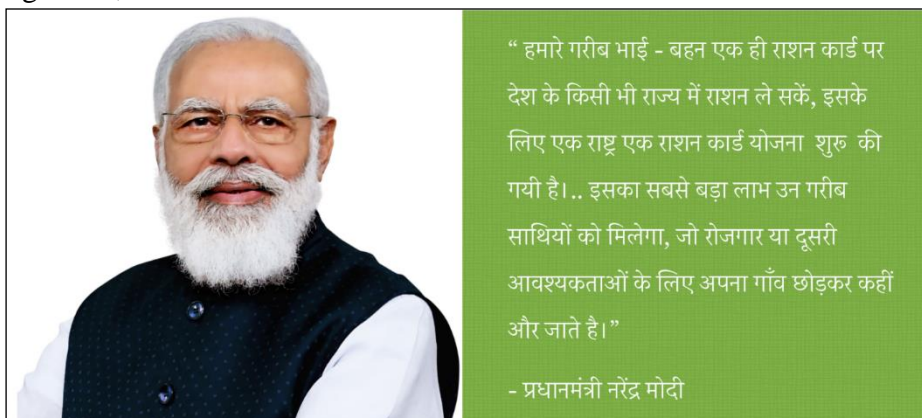
(Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution)

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“With the help of One Nation-One Ration Card, we have ensured free ration to more than 80 crore countrymen. This is the wonder of technology.”

[Prime Minister, Narendra Modi](#)

One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) is a technology-driven scheme which is being implemented by the Central Government for the nationwide portability of ration cards under the [National Food Security Act](#) (NFSA).¹ To address the difficulties of migrants, this system for intra-State and inter-State portability of ration cards was launched by the Government of India on August 09, 2019.²



ONORC is a countrywide innovation that allows all NFSA beneficiaries, particularly migrant beneficiaries, to claim either full or part foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice in the country through the existing ration card with biometric/Aadhaar authentication in

¹ [Factsheet Details: \(pib.gov.in\)](https://pib.gov.in)

² <https://transformingindia.mygov.in/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/ONORC-eng.pdf>

a seamless manner. The system also allows their family members back home, if any, to claim the balance of foodgrains on same the ration card.³

At present, ONORC is effectively implemented in **all 36 States and Union Territories**, making food security portable throughout the country, with **Assam** becoming the last state to have it implemented.⁴

Genesis⁵

The One Nation One Ration Card reform has its genesis in the vision that the computerisation of the [Targeted Public Distribution System](#) (TPDS) in the country must be taken to the next level in ensuring food security in the country.

This system enables migrant beneficiaries to seamlessly get their food grains from any Fair Price Shop of their choice, in any part of the country, by using their same/existing ration card with biometric authentication of identity on an ePoS device.

This initiative also provides leverage to States/UTs to serve many more beneficiaries, without actually incurring any additional burden. Furthermore, this mechanism can plug the leakage/diversion of un-lifted food grains in FPSs, as they can now be lifted by their rightful beneficiaries through portability and get reconciled/ adjusted between States/UTs, thereby minimizing the chances of un-lifted foodgrains getting diverted.

3 Years of ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD
Launched in August 2019

Seamless Access to Rations Across the Country

- For the first time, the same **ration card can be used throughout India**
- Enabled in **36 States/UTs** covering nearly **80 crore beneficiaries**
- Monthly average of **2.5 crore portability transactions**
- 49 crore portability transactions** performed during pandemic

Source: Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

3 Years of ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD
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Digitized Across All States & UTs

- 19.5 crore** ration cards digitized
- 100% digitisation** of ration cards
- 99% Ration Cards** under NFSA linked with Aadhaar Number
- Bringing effective **implementation and transparency** in distribution systems

Source: Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

³ <https://pib.gov.in/PressReleaselframePage.aspx?PRID=1819025>

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Key Features of ONORC⁶

- ❖ ONORC uses Information & Communication Technology to implement ‘Right to Food’ with the concept of 5R’s i.e. **Right Quantity and Right Quality to Right Beneficiary at Right Time at Right Fair Price.**
- ❖ ONORC had become an integral part of “Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana” to distribute free commodities to migrants during Covid-19.
- ❖ Key components are National Portability, de-duplication of beneficiaries, creation of ration card-Central Repository and Data analytics.

One Nation One Ration Card

People-friendly Processes

No Need	Easy
To surrender & re-apply a new ration card	Walk in to any Fair price shops
To register for portability	Authentication on Electronic Point of Sale with Aadhaar biometric
For paperwork	Use of existing ration card number or Aadhaar

Progress of ‘One Nation One Ration Card’ (As on August 02, 2022)⁷

Transactions since August 2019

> 77.5 crore

NFSA Transactions

~60%

Average Monthly Portable Transactions

3.5 crore (February-July)

Transactions during COVID period

>70 crore

Total Distribution of food grains

> 144 LMT

Total Subsidy Incurred

> 43,000 crore

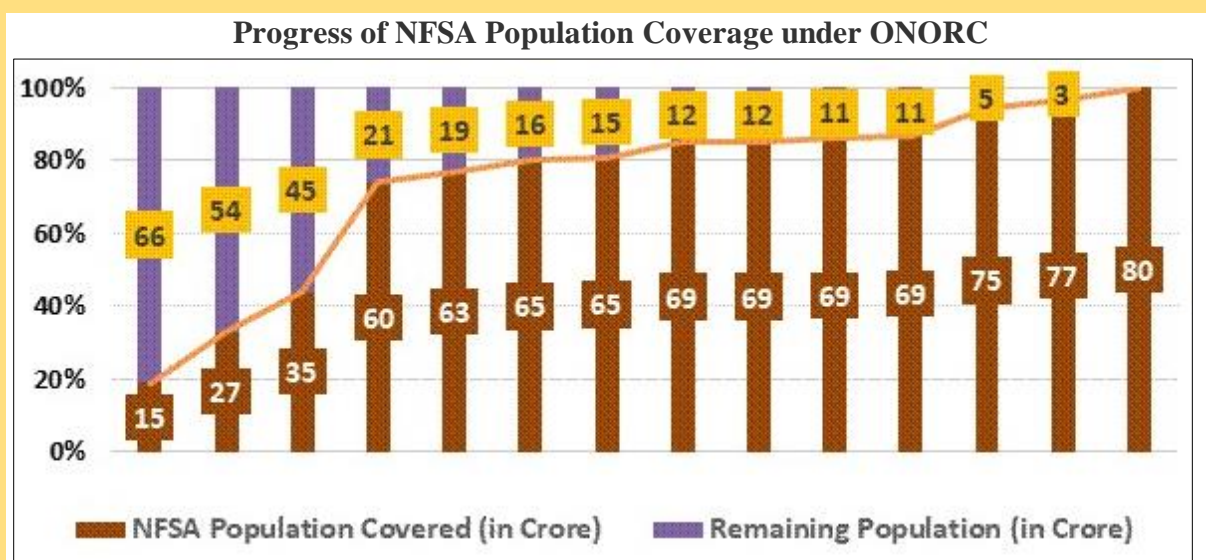
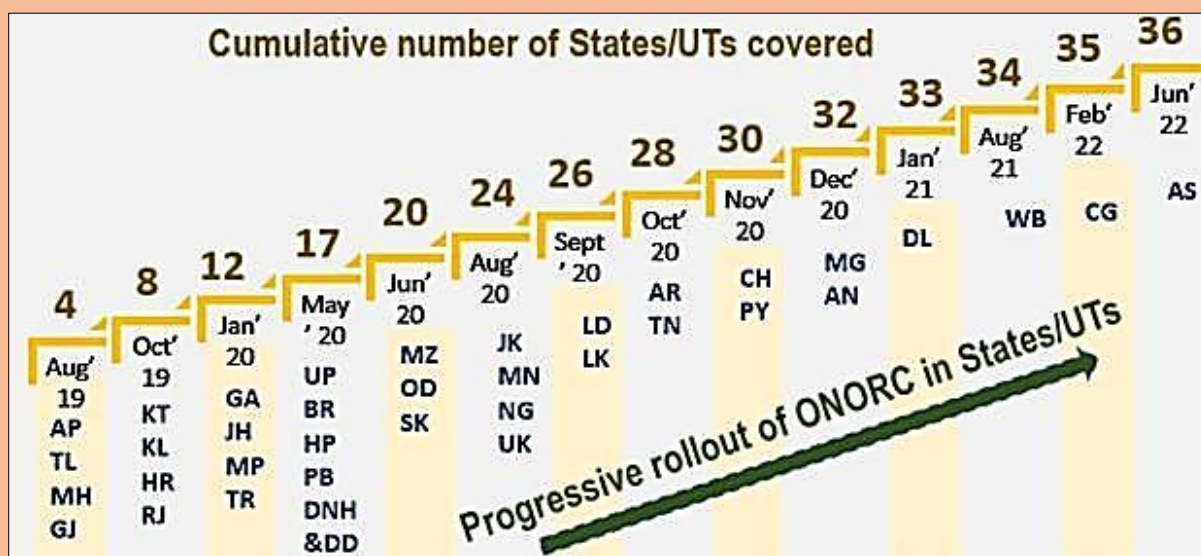
PMGKAY Transactions

~40%

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Progress of One Nation One Ration Card implementation in States/UTs



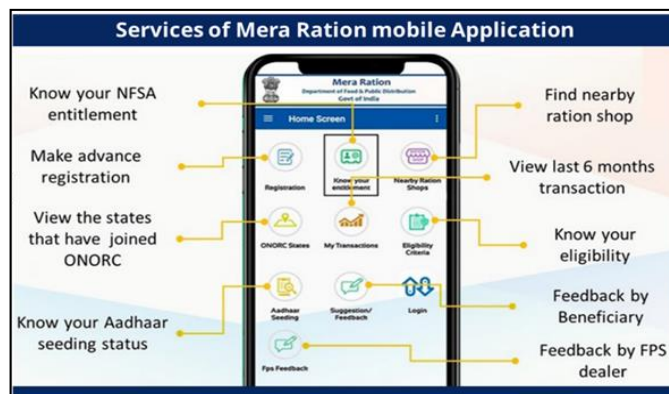
- ❖ 80 Crore beneficiaries avail benefit of ONORC, recording nearly three crore portability transactions per month.⁸
- ❖ The Department of Food and Public Distribution (DFPD) received the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration, 2020 for the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme.⁹
- ❖ The Department is collaborating with other Ministries/Departments to leverage the ONORC database for deepening the outreach of citizen-centric government schemes across the country.¹⁰

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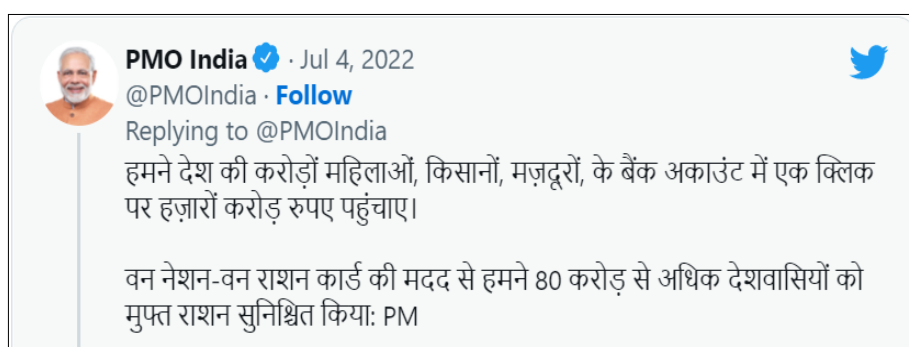
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❖ A specially customized Android Mobile App on ONORC “Mera Ration” has also been launched for the benefit of all NFSA beneficiaries. The application provides multiple functionalities and makes portability of ration easier, specifically for migrant NFSA beneficiaries. The application is now available in 13 languages.



- ❖ To make the beneficiary aware of the benefits of the ONORC, a vigorous awareness generation campaigning – in Hindi & Regional Languages has been carried out.
- ❖ A 5-digit ‘14445’ toll-free number is also available in most States/UTs under ONORC.¹¹



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