

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

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 865
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09TH FEBRUARY, 2018

LINKING OF RATION CARD WITH AADHAAR

865. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has taken any steps to ensure that no individual is denied PDS benefits even if he/she does not have Aadhaar or has not linked his ration card to the number; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Food and Public Distribution has issued clear instructions to all States/UT Governments that no beneficiary/household shall be deleted from the list of eligible beneficiaries/households only on the ground of not possessing Aadhaar, and shall also not be denied subsidized foodgrains or cash transfer of food subsidy under NFSA due to non-availability of Aadhaar or failure of biometric authentication due to network/ connectivity/ linking issues/ poor biometric of the beneficiary or other technical reasons. The State/UT Governments are required to comply with the provisions of the notification issued by this Department vide SO No. 371[E] dated 8/2/17 [as amended from time to time], for granting PDS benefits to those beneficiaries who do not possess Aadhaar.
