

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4104
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
FAKE RATION CARDS
JAI PRAKASH

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

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the number of ration cards issued are more than the number of families as per census;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have estimated the loss of foodgrains and foodgrain subsidies being incurred because of these fake ration cards/units;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Government propose to launch a nation-wide campaign against this; and
- (f) if so, the time by which such campaign is likely to be launched?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S. HIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) : As reported by State Governments / Union Territories, the total number of Ration Cards is 1970.63 lakh. The projected number of households in 1999 is 1777.48 lakh. Statement indicating statewise breakup is given at Annexure. Subsidy is being incurred only on allocation of food-grains for families below poverty line (BPL) as allocation of foodgrains for the families above poverty line (APL) is being made at economic cost involving no subsidy. No estimate of subsidy loss on account of fake ration cards has been made by Government of India, as the allotment of subsidized food-grains for BPL families in the States/UTs is given on the basis of poverty estimates of Government of India. The State Governments are required to identify the BPL families and issue ration cards to them within these poverty estimates.

Issue and cancellation of ration cards is a continuous process being undertaken by the State Governments/UTs. Government of India has advised the State Governments/UTs to eliminate bogus ration cards/units through regular inspection and close monitoring.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c),(d),(e) & (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4104 FOR ANSWERS IN THE LOK SABHA ON 18.8.2000.

STATEMENT INDICATING STATEWISE NO. OF HOUSEHOLDS AND RATION CARDS.

State/UT Population+ No. of Ration Cards Reported
-1999 Households+ (In Lakhs) As on

	(In lakhs)	1999	(in lakhs)	BPL	APL	Total	
Andhra Pradesh	746.17	156.43	113.25	51.53	164.78	Apr-00	
Arunachal Pra.	11.55	2.34	0.82	2.60	3.42	Mar-00	
Assam	258.78	44.39	18.82	23.70	42.52	Apr-00	
Bihar	981.22	159.29	84.26	88.74	173.00	Nov-97	
Goa	15.47	3.10	0.07	3.01	3.08	May-00	
Gujarat	475.51	86.30	33.90	71.95	105.85	May-00	
Haryana	195.46	31.03	5.68	37.74	43.42	Jun-00	
Himachal Pra.	65.45	12.26	2.77	9.27	12.04	Apr-00	
Jammu & Kashmir	97.09	18.42	3.36	10.12	13.48	Sep-97	
Karnataka	514.36	93.18	64.56	47.23	111.79	May-00	
Kerala	319.82	60.57	20.58	41.48	62.06	May-00	
Madhya Pradesh	783.46	138.67	43.65	134.18	177.83	Mar-00	
Maharashtra	901.22	175.33	58.13	135.96	194.09	Jan-00	
Manipur	24.41	4.70	0.67	1.13	1.80	Jun-97	
Meghalaya	23.59	4.35	0.97	0.98	1.95	Mar-97	

Mizoram	9.22	1.62	N.A.	1.66	1.66	Apr-00
Nagaland	16.29	2.92	0.96	1.05	2.01	Mar-99
Orissa	355.35	67.30	41.23	39.85	81.08	Dec-99
Punjab	232.76	39.32	4.91	49.12	54.03	May-00
Rajasthan	526.39	87.15	22.87	80.93	103.80	Feb-00
Sikkim	5.41	1.02	N.A.	N.A.	0.66	Oct-97
Tamilnadu	612.55	137.65	64.88	91.59	156.47	Jun-00
Tripura	36.65	6.99	2.31	4.55	6.86	May-00
Uttar Pradesh	1663.64	267.47	95.48	159.96	255.44	JULY 98
West Bengal	779.72	143.33	46.11	109.13	155.24	Oct-98
A. & Nicobar	3.74	0.79	0.12	0.74	0.86	May-00
Chandigarh	8.6	1.96	0.00	2.12	2.12	Apr-00
D&N Haveli	1.84	0.35	0.16	0.16	0.32	Jun-00
Daman & Diu	1.35	0.25	0.02	0.28	0.30	May-00
Delhi	134.18	26.73	N.A.	36.00	36.00	Mar-00
Lakshdweep	0.69	0.11	N.A.	0.13	0.13	May-00
Pondicherry	10.76	2.16	0.90	1.64	2.54	May-00

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+ - As per Census Report.
N.A. - Not Available