

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
PLANNING  
LOK SABHA**

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PDS AND DIRECT TRANSFER OF BENEFIT  
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government plans a simultaneous withdrawal of the public distribution system with the implementation of direct cash transfers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the alternative arrangements made/proposed to be made by the Government for providing direct cash benefits by those beneficiaries who do not have Aadhaar Card?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR PARLIAMNETARY AFFAIRS & PLANNING (SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA)

- (a) to (c) As per Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, there is no proposal under consideration at present in the Department for disbursement of food subsidy in cash instead of foodgrains to the beneficiaries under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).