

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3633
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2019**

EASING RATION CARD PROCESS

3633. SHRI TOPON KUMAR GOGOI:

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is planning to ease out the process of getting Ration Card to the people left out of NFSA 13 in Assam; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor?

**A N S W E R
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD &
PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a)to(b): The NFSA, 2013 provides for all India coverage of upto 75% of the rural population and up to 50% of the urban population of the country including Assam for receiving highly subsidized foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), thus covering about two-thirds of the total population. Identification of beneficiaries under the Act is under two categories- households covered under Antyodaya Anna Yojna (AAY) to the extent and guidelines specified by the Central Government and the remaining households as priority households to be identified by the State/Union Territories (UT) Administration as per criteria evolved by them, within the coverage determined for the State/UT.

The State Government of Assam has informed that the target of selection of beneficiaries fixed for selection/benefited under NFSA,2013 is 2,52,18,001. The selection and inclusion of left-out eligible beneficiaries to achieve the target is a continuous process at District/Sub-Division level as per direction of the State Government by means of deletion of suspected ineligible beneficiaries in the database and inclusion of newly-selected eligible beneficiaries in their place.

Due to undertaking the continuous process of deletion of ineligible beneficiaries in the database and inclusion of newly selected eligible beneficiaries in their place, there are 2,48,96,805 nos. of beneficiaries under NFSA, 2013 in the State of Assam as on 6.12.2019.
