



Mera Ration Mobile App Launched

Why in News

In order to facilitate the '[One Nation One Ration Card](#)' system in the country, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution has launched the '**Mera Ration**' mobile app to benefit citizens in identifying the nearest **Fair Price Shop** (FPS).

- This app will benefit especially those ration card holders who move to new areas for livelihoods.

Key Points

- **About the App:** The app is developed by the [National Informatics Center](#) (NIC).
 - **Language:** The application is currently available in English and Hindi.
 - However, it is planned to be introduced in 14 languages which will be identified on the basis of places where most migrant people move.
 - **Facilities to the Beneficiaries:**
 - Can identify and locate the nearest fair price shop.
 - Can easily check details of their foodgrain entitlement, recent transactions and the status of [Aadhaar](#) seeding.
 - Can register their migration details.
 - An option to enter suggestions/feedback.
- **One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC):**
 - **Implementation:**
 - The ONORC scheme is being implemented by the Department of Food and Public Distribution for the nation-wide portability of ration cards under [National Food Security Act \(NFSA\) 2013](#).
 - The Act legally entitled upto 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population to receive subsidized food grains under [Targeted Public Distribution System](#).
 - **Significance:**
 - This system allows all NFSA beneficiaries, particularly migrant beneficiaries, to claim either full or part foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country **through an existing ration card with biometric/Aadhaar authentication** in a seamless manner.
 - The freedom of choosing any FPS was not available earlier.
 - States completing the One Nation-One Ration Card system reform were eligible for **additional borrowing of 0.25% of gross state domestic product (GSDP)**.
 - **Seventeen states have operationalised 'One Nation-One Ration Card' system** with Uttarakhand being the latest to complete the reform.

◦ **Coverage:**

- The ONORC was started initially in 4 States in the year 2019 and was rolled out in 32 States/UTs by the end of 2020.
 - The integration of the remaining 4 States/UT (Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal) is expected to be completed in next few months.
- It covers nearly 69 Crore NFSA beneficiaries (about 86% NFSA population) in the country and a monthly average of about 1.5~1.6 Crore portability transactions are being recorded under ONORC.

◦ **Making ONORC Available to All:**

- The government supplies 5 kg of subsidised food grains to each person per month through 5.4 lakh ration shops.
- The integration of **Migrants' Portal** with ONORC system is undertaken with the support of the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- The ONORC has been made a part of **PM SVANidhi** program of the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.
- Media publicity of the ONORC has been done with the help of the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Press Information Bureau, **MyGov**, Bureau of Outreach & Communication.

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