



Integrated Management of Public Distribution System

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has launched a new [central sector scheme- Integrated Management of Public Distribution System \(IMPDS\)](#). It will be implemented during 2018-19 and 2019-20.

- The IMPDS system is already operational in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura, wherein a beneficiary can avail his share of foodgrain from any district in the state.

Key Objectives

- Implementation of **nation-wide portability of ration cards** to lift foodgrains from any fair price shop (FPS) across the country, moving towards '[one nation one ration card](#)'.
- Creation of **national level data repository-** for de-duplication of beneficiary data (Aadhaar based).
- **Use of advanced data analytics techniques** to bring about continuous improvements.

Significance

- It will bring more **transparency and efficiency in the distribution of foodgrains.**
- It will **improve the mechanism to identify fake/duplicate ration cards** and provide the option to PDS beneficiaries to lift their entitled foodgrains from the Fair Price Shops of their choice at the national level.
- The scheme will ensure **food security of migrant labourers** who move to other states to seek better job opportunities.

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