

Annexure 18 Replies to questions asked in the parliament, if any.

S.No.	Branch	Detail of Question asked	Reply given
1	UID Wing	<p>Parliament Question U3513 for the Rajya Sabha(March 2020) "c. whether it is a fact that several states are sharing Aadhaar data with private companies for identification of beneficiaries under various welfare schemes implemented by them, and d. whether Govt. has imposed any restrictions on sharing of Aadhaar data with private companies managing data of Govt welfare schemes?"</p>	In this regard, it is submitted that State Govt. is not sharing Aadhaar data with any private company for identification of beneficiaries under various welfare schemes. Further, it is submitted that Aadhaar data is in possession of State Govt. only and it is not shared with any private company by the State
2	Food Purchase	<p>i) Rajya Sabha question Dy.No. S3754 regarding exploitation of farmers by personnel of Government procurement agencies. a) Whether Government is aware that personnel of Government procurement agencies in various Mandis of the Country, in connivance of private traders, reject the produce of the farmers who bring it to Mandi for sale in one pretext on the other thereby forcing the poor farmers to sell their produce at throw away prices to the private traders.</p>	No incident regarding rejection of the produce of the farmers has been reported. The State Procuring Agencies purchase wheat and paddy for the Central Pool as per the specifications laid down by the Govt. of India and at Minimum Support Price(MSP) fixed by the Government of India.
		b) If so, the details thereof, and	NA
		c) The action Government has taken or proposes to take against such corrupt personnel and save the farmers from being exploited?	NA
		ii) Rajya Sabha question Dy. No. S4983 regarding procurement of paddy by private players.	

		a) The quantum of Paddy procured by the Government Agencies on the Minimum Support Price(MSP)after harvesting paddy crop this year, State wise;	The quantum of Paddy procured by the Government Agencies on the Minimum Support Price(MSP) this year has been indicated in the table below:-	
			Quantity(in LMT)	
			State Procurement Agencies	166.60
			FCI	2.51
			Traders	1.07
			Total	170.18
			b) Wether the study has been conducted to find out the rate at which farmers are selling paddy to the private plays;	Sale price of the paddy purchase by private players is recorded in official record of market committees in the State to ensure that farmers do not get exploited.
	c) The reason due to which farmers are forced to sell the paddy crop to the private; and	The paddy which is of Fair Average Quality(FAQ), is purchased by Government Agencies at MSP. If purchased by private traders, it is purchased on or above MSP. Only that paddy which does not meet quality parameters is sold below the MSP. The quantum of which is very negligible i.e. 0.40% in year 2016-17, 0.56% in the year 2017-18 and 0.24% from 1-9-2018 to 31-12-2018.		
	d) the quantum of Paddy procured from the Farmers for the last three years till date, State wise:-	2016-17	190.78 Lac MT	
		2017-18	199.20 Lac MT	
		2018-19	188.7 Lac MT(upto 31-12-2018)	
3	Establishment -2	1. Registration under Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use), Act 1950 --3528 Shri NarainDass Gupta:		

		a) the number of entities, Commercial/ Non-Commercial and Trading/ Non-Trading have been registered under various States with the initial words "NATIONAL", "RASHTRIYA" in the country, the details thereof,	NIL
		b) whether, the all provisions enshrined under the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 12 of 1950 have been complied with in all cases and	NIL
		c) the number of registrations of Commercial and Trading or Non-Commercial and Non-Trading entities have been cancelled, the details thereof?	NIL
		2. ਰਾਜ ਸਭਾ ਦਾ Unstarred Q.No. 1710 for 09-03-2018 raised by Shri Javed Khan, MP ਹੇਠ ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਹੈ ਜੀ:-	
		a) the number of laws made to nullify decisions of the Supreme Court, and the number of cases in which the Supreme Court decisions have been nullified because of such laws along with the details thereof?	NIL

4	Distribution Branch	Rajya Sabha question no 394 dated 20-07-2021 reg Biometric authentication failures.	Nil
		Rajya Sabha question dairy no U3005 dated 12-7-2019 reg Distribution of nutritious rice under PDS	
		a) Whether it is a fact that government would roll out a pilot project in 15 district to fortify rice with iron, folic acid and vitamins-A and B-12 in a bid to reduce nutrition deficiencies among the beneficiaries.	GOI reply No rice is distributed in the state of Punjab
		b) If so, the details thereof and	NA
		c) Whether it is also a fact that it would be available on ration shops from November, 2019	NA
		Rajya Sabha Question no S1635 Dated 11-11-2019	
		a) The number of hunger deaths recorded in the last three years, statewise and the details thereof and	No such case reported in the state of Punjab
		b) The statewise number of deaths recorded due to lack of aadhaar card to access foodgrains from the PDS, especially in the stated like Jharkhand, and the details thereof ?	No such case reported in the state of Punjab.
		Rajya sabyha question no 1692 reg Starvation of death in the country.	
		a) The number of starvation deaths reported in the country during 2018 and 2019 so far, state wise.	No such case reported in the state of Punjab
		b) Wheather as per the recent global hunger indec 2019 India has been placed below even Pakistan at 102 position out of 117 country.	NA
		c) If so, the details thereof	NA
		d) the reason for the same ?	NA
		Rajya sabha question no S1694 reg Status	

		of national food security mission. dated 14-11-2019	
		a) The total beneficiaries of National Food Security Mission since the commencement of this programme state wise and year wise	This is related to Government of India However in the state of Punjab a total number of 1.40 cr beneficiaries are covered under the scheme.
		b) The total budgetary expenditure towards NFSM since the commencement of this programme state wise and year wise.	This is related to GOI. However in the state of Punjab a subsidy for foodgrains i.e 870000 MT annually @ acquisition cost, 50% of the actually cost incurred on intra state transportation movement, FPS margin and epos transportation is being incurred.
		c) Whether there are any instance of corruption in this programme. If so, how has it been resolved/dealt with ?	This is related to GOI.
		Rajya Sabha question no U865 dated 08-11-2021 reg Distribution of fortified rice through PDS	
		a) Whether the Government is implementing centrally sponsored pilot scheme on fortification of rice and its distribution under PDS	This related to GOI However rice is not being distributed in the state of Punjab.
		b) If so the details thereof along with funds allocated for this purpose	NA
		c) The no of Stated that are covered under the pilot scheme and its current status.	This is related to GOI
		d) The problem faced by government in implementing this pilot scheme.	This is related to GOI
		e) Wheather government has framed any roadmap for nation wide distribution of fortified rice through ration shopes if so, the details thereof,	This is related to GOI
		f) The other step by Government to suquality food items to consumers through PDS in effective manner ? This is related to GOI	This is related to GOI
		Rajya sabha question no U249 dated 29-11-2019 reg creation of separate police force for preventing black	

		marketing	
		a) Whether it is a fact that black marketing of essential commodities is taking place rampantly	No such case reported in the state of Punjab
		b) If so, Whether government is considering to create a separate police force to prevent and	NA
		c) If so, the details thereof and if not, the reason hereof ?	NA
		Rajya Sabha question no S2006 dated 26-11-2019 reg Starvation of death in Tripura	
		a) Whether it is a fact country is still fighting starvation death.	This is related to GOI
		b) If so, the details thereof during the last five year.	NA
		c) Whether it is also a fact that recently there is an incident of starvation death in a relief camp in Tripura.	NA
		d) If so, the reaction of government thereof ?	NA
		Rajya Sabha question no S4548 dated 26-11-2019 reg Starvation death.	
		a) Whether ministry has defined the definition of deaths due to lack of food or starvation.	This is related to GOI
		b) If so, details of criteria adopted for its definition	NA
		c) If no, the reason whether.	NA
		d) The number of correspondence received with regards to death due to lack of food or starvation during last four years, state wise and year wise	No such case reported in the state of Punjab.
		e) Whether the ministry has analysed the causes of death despite of the distribution of subsidized rations to the poor through PDS if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason thereof ?	This is related to GOI
		lok Sabha question no 630 dated 17-06-2019 reg Starvation death	

		a) Whether a lot of cases of death from starvation have been received from various states during the last three years.	Nil
		b) If so, the details thereof and the reasons thereof states/UT wise and	NA
		c) The details of the action taken to be taken to provide food grains to the families affected by it and check the death taking place due to starvation in the country ?	NA
		Lok sabha question no 8636 dated 16-07-2019 reg starvation death	
		a) The data of death due to starvation in India in 2018-19 states/UT wise	Nil in the state of Punjab
		b) The steps being taken by the Government to reduce the number of deaths due to starvation	NA
		c) The steps being taken by the Government to provide easy restoration of ration cards to the families as the major cause of deaths were unavailability of ration due to cancellation of the ration cards ?	NA
		Lok sabha question no 3728 dated 11-07-2019 reg Misuse Of Aadhaar card	
		a) Whether it is a fact that there are several cases of misuse of Aadhaar card of purchase of food essential in ration shops across the country and	There is no such case reported misuse of aadhaar card for purchase of essential in shops in the state of Punjab
		b) If so, the details of the cases field and whether it is also a fact that officials of ration shops are involved in the misuse of Aadhaar card and siphoning off the food meant for poor, if so, the actions taken by the Government in this regard?	NA
		Lok sabha question no 674 dated 07-11-2019	

		reg Starvation and Hunger Death	
		a) The number of starvation or hunger deaths reported during the last four years, statewise and year wise.	Nil
		b) Whether the government has analysed the reasons for there deaths despite a PDS to distribute subsidized ration to the poor, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reason therefore ?	NA
		Lok sabha question no 1042 dated 11-11-2019 reg UN sustainable development Goals.	
		a)Whether it is a fact that the country has performed poorly in its efforts to eliminate hunger with most states not on track to meet the reg UN sustainable development Goals which has set 2030 as the deadline to end global hunger and	It related to GOI However in the state of Punjab out of total population of 2.8 crore,1.40 crore is covered under Public Distribution System. No hunger death has been ever reported
		c) If so, the details of performance of different stated in the fight against hunger and the steps that are proposed to be taken to meet the target by the year 2030 ?	NA
		lok Sabha question no 921 dated 08-11-2019 reg FOrtification of rice	
		a) whether the government is implemtng centrally sponsored pilot scheme on fortification of rice and its distribution under PDS, if so, the details thereof along with the funds allocated utilized for this purpose.	This is related to GOI. However rice is not being distributed under PDS in the state of Punjab.
		b) The number of states that are covered under the pilot scheme and its current status.	This is related to GOI
		c) The other steps taken by the Government to	This is related to GOI

		supply quality food items to consumers through the PDS in effective manners.	
		lok sabha question no 5055 dated 08-11-2019 reg allocation of foodgrains to BPL families.	
		a) Whether the government is considering familiar to formulate any scheme to provide nutrition food with foodgrains to all the families living below the poverty line	This is related to GOI
		b) If so , whether the above scheme is being implemented in all the states and	NA
		c) If so, the quantum of foodgrains disbursed in Maharashtra during the last three year, district wise ?	NA
		Lok sabha question no 2995 dated 08-11-2021 reg Starvation death	
		a) whether it is a fact that country is still facing starvation death	This is related to GOI. However there have been no starvation deaths in the state of Punjab.
		b) If so, the details of the report thereon during the last five years.	NA
		c) Whether it is also a fact that recently there is an incident of starvation deaths in Tripura relief camp.	NA
		d) if so, the reaction of the Government, thereto ?	NA
		Lok Sabha question no 3384 dated 03-02-2020 reg Starvation of death	
		a) The number of starvation death reported in the last five years and the current year. State wise and the committees appointed in this regard to study the situation.	No such case reported in the state of Punjab.
		b) The reason for not implementing the NFSA by states.	The has formulated Punjab Food Security Rules 2016 in line with the rules of NFSA.
		c) Whether the stated have produced proof on	Yes the Chapter 111 internal grievance mechanism chapter iv

		record that they have established a mechanism of the poor to complaint about the inaccessibility to food under the PDS, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefore, state-wise and	External Grievance Mechanism and Chapter V State Food Commission of Punjab State Food Security rules 2016 deals with the mechanism to file complaint about the inaccessibility to food under the PDS by the beneficiaries.
		d) The details of the corrective steps being taken to stop starvation deaths in future.	NA as no starvation case reported in the state