

'ONE RATION CARD' SCHEME LAUNCH SOON

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To curb corruption and end the dependence on one Public Distribution System (PDS) shop, the Centre will shortly launch the 'One nation, One ration card' scheme.

The scheme, according to Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan, would ensure that all beneficiaries can access PDS across the nation from any shop of their choice. The biggest beneficiary of this, he said, would be migrant labourers who move to other States to seek better job opportunities.

"This will provide freedom to the beneficiaries as they will not be tied to any one PDS shop and reduce their dependence on shop owners..." the Ministry said in a statement. In the next two months, beneficiaries of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh would be able to access the PDS shops. The objective was to ensure that this was implemented nationally in a time-bound manner.

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