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"One nation One Ration Card Scheme address certain lacunas of P.D.S. in India." Analyse

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Ans:

'One nation one ration card' scheme is started from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2020, providing beneficiaries of public distribution system facility to avail benefits with same ration card at pan-India level.

This scheme is under ministry of consumer affairs, food and public distribution along with cooperation through state governments.

The scheme has reformed following prevailing lacunas in earlier P.D.S. system.

(i) One ration card for Pan-India:-

Migrants workers and labourers working in different state are now able to avail P.D.S. benefits through fair





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price shops in their respective state, helping them in food security

(ii) Targeted benefits :-

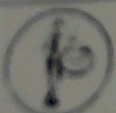
Government has decided to link 'aadhar cards' with 'ration cards', thus benefits could be transferred only to needy beneficiary.

(iii) Digitalisation and Ghost cards solution :-

Government will maintain proper records, through digital approach so that no duplicate and fictitious ration cards could be made and thus rationalisation in scheme would take place.

(iv) Reduction in Economic burden :-

Linking aadhar cards and other identification cards can ease in figuring out true B-P-L numbers in the country, thus through targeted approach





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government expenditure could be reduced

However, still modern approaches like direct benefit transfer (DBT) and proper quality checks could help in solving hunger issues in the nation, thus helping in improving 'Global hunger index' rank of India.

*Excellent!*

