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# Daily Mains Answer Writing (Day - 50)

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**“The needs of migrants should be addressed through a concerted national policy”. In the light of the above statement critically examine the utility of One Nation One Ration Card scheme.**

Article that you can refer to for this - <https://www.thehindubusinessline.com/opinion/editorial/the-needs-of-migrants-should-be-addressed-through-a-concerted-national-policy/article>

#### Structure –

- Introduction - What are the need of the migrants interlinked with the problems of food security that they faced during the Corona pandemic.
- Body - As the question demands - we need to critically examine the utility of One Nation One Ration Card scheme (Pros- Challenges).
- Conclusion - What measures can be taken so that the challenges are resolved and scheme becomes a novel one.

#### Answer-

Migrants form the backbone of our labour force, their holistic security in terms of food-housing-income etc. forms a crucial prerogative of ruling Govt. However, the wrath fell upon migrants during the Corona Pandemic as they were left with little private or public help during crisis.

Learning quick lessons, need of the hour is to have a concerted national policy to address their needs and One Nation One Ration Card is a step in the same direction as it will provide portability of food security benefits across whole of the nation with benefit like -

1. Interoperability of Ration Card across country.
2. Empowering Consumers - Less scope of exploitation by the Fair Shop Price owners.
3. Right to Food guaranteed under National Food Security Act (2013).
4. Integrates the country which will further help in adding the nutritional value of the poor consumers.

However, there are certain challenges that are restricting the implementation of this scheme such as-

1. PDS is a Domicile based Social Sector Scheme and thus restricts food entitlements at the place so the origin.
2. Logistic Issue - An FPS receives the monthly quota of products strictly in accordance with the number of people assigned to it.
3. May create misbalance for some states as the cost of additional food grains will go up.

Overall, ONORC scheme is novel one and can also include other health and welfare schemes under its ambit by taking measures such as a dedicated e-commerce platform which may resolve the challenge of logistic issue, Social auditing may be made mandatory to measure the performance and a National Budget can be set up to manage the cost of scheme.