

Aadhaar helped weed out 3 cr fake, duplicate ration cards: Min

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HYDERABAD: Nearly three crore fake and duplicate ration cards have been cancelled during the three years of the NDA government, CR Chaudhary, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said on Monday.

It had also saved the country Rs 17,000 crore every year during this time, he added.

Linking the ration card to the holder's Aadhaar number had allowed the government to clean up the system, the minister said.

He was speaking at the 21st National Conference on e-Governance in Hyderabad.

"Out of 23 crore ration cards in the country, 82 percent (19 crore) are linked with Aadhaar. We have removed 2.95 crore fake or duplicate ration cards in the country in the



past three years which has resulted in a saving of Rs 17,000 crore annually. It has ensured that foodgrains are being delivered to the rightful person," he informed.

Chaudhary said that e-governance could help in increasing the ease of doing business in the country which, in turn, would help attract foreign investment.