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To

Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries,  
Department of Food & Civil Supplies,  
All States/UTs

**Subject:- Designating NIC Headquarter as global AUA for implementation of IM-PDS scheme.**

Sir/Madam,

You are aware that the new Central Sector Scheme, IM-PDS aims at facilitating national level portability and de-duplication of ration cards. As per the UIDAI guidelines, each AUA will generate a token number against every Aadhaar number, which will be specific to the AUA of the scheme/programme. Since token number only has to be used for the biometric authentication of the beneficiaries, it is critical to the implementation of the IM-PDS that there is a unique token number for every Aadhaar number seeded with ration card at the national level. The scheme can't work if every State/UT has a different AUA and token number is generated separately by each of the state level AUAs.

2. In view of this, it has been decided to designate NIC Headquarters as the global AUA for PDS operations across the country for the purpose of the implementation of IM-PDS. NIC Headquarters has been requested to take necessary steps for the generation of token numbers in strict compliance with the UIDAI guidelines.

3. You are requested to convey your consent for this arrangement and share your comments for smooth implementation of IM-PDS at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,



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