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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

No.1(4)/2018-Py-I

Dated the 24th April, 2019

Dear *Sir/Madam,*

This is to draw your attention to the letter No.1(4)/2018-Py-I, dated 14.3.2019 on the subject of development and consumption of web service for sharing the distribution details pertaining to the non-NFSA schemes for which subsidy is being given by this department on the upgraded Annavitran Portal. All the necessary information and guidelines were shared with the States vide this letter and they were expected to develop the web service by 15.4.2019.

2. With a view to ensuring the time-bound operationalisation of the upgraded Annavitran Portal, I would request you to take following steps:

- (I) It may be conveyed to the State Government Departments which are implementing non-NFSA schemes, like MDM, ICDS, Scheme for Hostels and Welfare Institutions etc., that foodgrains under these schemes will be issued only through e-PoS devices after biometric authentication of the persons authorised to lift the foodgrains w.e.f. 1st July, 2019.
- (II) It has been clarified that foodgrains under these schemes may be lifted from FPSs, State godowns or even FCI godowns. If State or FCI godowns are decided to be used as the notional FPSs for distribution of foodgrains under a particular scheme, necessary hardware for electronic capturing of the transaction details and biometric authentication should be made available there by the State Food Department.
- (III) The document on upgraded Annavitran Portal provides guidelines for the creation of user IDs and Master Database of the institutions/beneficiaries covered under the non-NFSA schemes. State Government Departments concerned should be asked to create the user IDs and Master Database taking into account the administrative responsibilities assigned to the departmental officials at the State and district levels.
- (IV) The document also describes the steps for generating online allocation order by the State Government Departments concerned. They should be apprised of this facility.
- (V) A one-day training programme for the State and district level officials of State Food Department and the department concerned may be organized to familiarize them with all the features of the upgraded Annavitran Portal and the instructions regarding creation of user IDs, Master Database of institutions/beneficiaries, generation of online allocation order etc.
- (VI) Once the departments generate the online allocation order, the same will automatically become the part of the FEAST/Supply Chain Management System