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Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

Department of Food & Public Distribution

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To

Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
All States/UTs.

Subject: Mapping of all FPS/Godown locations with limited or no network/data connectivity (shadow areas) with BharatNet/NoFN project – reg.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to the reports received in this Department from various States/UTs from time to time regarding problems being faced in respect of telecom/network connectivity at some FPSs areas, godown locations, because of which implementation of 100% online ePoS operations with biometric/Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries and online godown/depot operations under Supply Chain Management are getting affected adversely.

2. This Department has taken up the matter of such shadow areas with limited or no data connectivity in various States/UTs with the Department of Telecommunication (DoT) as it is the nodal department of Government of India for all telecom related operations in the country including the implementation of BharatNet/NoFN project which aims to provide reliable on-demand broadband connectivity up to the Gram Panchayat levels across the country.

3. In this regard, during the meeting held on 06.01.2020 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (DoT), it was decided to provide the mapping of all such FPS/Godown locations with no or limited data connectivity to enable them to provision the broadband connectivity through the BharatNet network. Accordingly, a database of Gram Panchayats being covered under the BharatNet network shared by DoT is annexed.

4. States/UTs are therefore requested to provide exhaustive list of all unconnected/shadow area FPSs/Godowns/Depots along with geo-coordinates, address of FPS/godown with Gram Panchayat detail, etc. to BharatNet/BBNL for speeding up the provisioning of broadband connectivity through BharatNet project.

5. For this activity, concerned States/UTs may coordinate with the local/district level project officer(s) of BharatNet/BBNL and may also seek support from the concerned District Collectors. A copy of the mapped information of FPSs/Godowns along with panchayat details may also be shared with this Department for further followup with the DoT.

Yours faithfully,

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