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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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To

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

Subject: Distribution of free foodgrains under NFSA and PM-GKAY – reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that under the special purpose Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PM-GKAY), free of cost foodgrains are being distributed to all NFSA beneficiaries up to November 2020 to minimize their food security hardships during the time of crisis due to the pandemic.

2. In this regard, it is important that all the NFSA beneficiaries are regularly receiving their monthly entitled foodgrains under normal NFSA as well as under the PMGKAY without difficulties and any ambiguities. But basis the reports appearing on central portals/received in this Department, variations are observed in the distribution under NFSA and PMGKAY by some States to the same set of NFSA beneficiaries for the same month(s). This suggests that either the beneficiaries are not properly aware of their NFSA and PMGKAY entitlements or a sense of confusion is prevailing due variations in the distribution cycles of both, resulting in some beneficiaries missing upon either of their foodgrains.

3. It is therefore essential on part of all States/UTs that tight monitoring of foodgrains distribution is being done across the State/UT, and to confirm that how, when and which foodgrains are being distributed to the beneficiaries on ground. This shall be done with an intent for safeguarding the benefits of beneficiaries under both NFSA and PMGKAY schemes and ensuring that foodgrains they are reaching to all intended beneficiaries in time bound manner. In this regard, it is suggested to periodically take feedback from random beneficiaries across the State/UT through government officers/employees/others.

4. Further, as the PM-GKAY scheme is nearing completion, all States/UTs are requested to be ready with detailed reports on distribution of foodgrains and other related aspects of distribution operations under both NFSA and PMGKAY. In case of any lacunas are existing or identified, immediate appropriate actions may be taken to bridge them at the earliest. It should be ensured that correct distribution figures under both are available on the Central Dashboard i.e. Annavitran portal within time.

Yours faithfully,

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