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

R. No. 275, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Dated: **23.07.2020**

To

**Pr. Secretary / Secretary,
 Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Government/Administration of – Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Nagaland and
 Uttarakhand**

Subject: Implementation of national / inter-State portability of NFSA ration card holders under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan – reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware this Department is implementing nation-wide portability of the benefits under NFSA through "One Nation One Ration Card" plan, which aims to provide an option to all NFSA beneficiaries, if desire, to lift their entitled foodgrains under NFSA from any ePoS enabled Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice anywhere in the country, by using their existing/same ration card with Aadhaar authentication on ePoS device. This facility is already enabled seamlessly across 20 States/UT, namely – Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

2. In this endeavour, necessary preparatory activities to integrate your State/UT with the national cluster i.e. upgradation of ePoS software, integration with central IM-PDS and Annavitran portals, availability of ration cards/beneficiaries data in Central Repository, requisite testing of national portability transactions, etc. have already been completed with the support of central NIC team. Further, it is highlighted that central NIC and CPMU team of this Department have also completed the orientation trainings of the technical team and concerned officers of your State/UT through Video Conferencing and necessary implementation guidelines/instructions are also shared (copy enclosed). Therefore, it is envisaged, to enable the national portability transactions under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan in your State w.e.f distribution month of **August 2020 only in online FPSs**. Further, it is also highlighted that adjustment of foodgrains between concerned States/UTs will be done for the period of July 2020 while trial/testing is being done on real beneficiaries.

3. Requisite web-services for reporting of portability transaction details to central dashboard have been enabled for your State/UT with immediate effect and continuously assistance is available from the central NIC team for seamless rollout 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan.

4. It is also informed that in view of the COVID-19 situation, the condition for part-lifting of upto 50% entitlements only in a single national portability transaction has been temporarily relaxed. In this regard copy of the letter issued earlier to States/UT already under One Nation One Ration Card is also enclosed. Further, detailed guidelines of this Department issued by this Department dated 23/04/2020 may be referred for ensuring biometric

authentication of portability beneficiaries as it is obligatory requirement for national portability transactions (copy enclosed).

6. Therefore, it is requested, that in view of the local situation, State/UT may take a decision to operationalise/commence the national portability transactions in the online FPSs at the earliest. Efforts may also be made towards wide-publicity and awareness generation among NFSA beneficiaries, FPS dealers, field level officers/staff, etc. on priority. Further, efforts is also required to make all FPSs online at the earliest so that national portability may be availed at all FPSs across the State/UT.

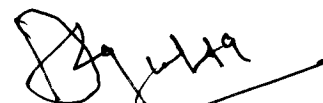
7. An early decision/action in this regard would be highly beneficial for the migratory beneficiaries of other States/UTs in your State/UT, and vice-versa, to access their foodgrains anywhere in the national cluster with immediate effect.

8. In this regard, for any technical support/clarification, the nodal officers/technical teams may reach out to following officials:

- a. Sh. BVC Rao, Dy. Director General, NIC (HQ) at bvcrao@nic.in / 9958402296 w.r.t. central repository, national de-duplication and related matters.
- b. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Direct, NIC HQ at guru@nic.in / 9490751034 w.r.t. ePoS application and related matters.
- c. Sh. Pankaj Mishra, Pr. Consultant, CPMU at cpmu.fpd@nic.in / 9971152087 w.r.t. guidelines, procedural matters or any other assistance/clarification from the Dept.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,



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Copy to:

Pr. Secretary/Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department of existing **20 States/UT** under One Nation One Ration Card (as mentioned in para-1 above) for taking necessary action and enabling national portability transaction with newly integrated States/UT on priority.

Copy for information to:

1. PPS to AS&FA, D/o FPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. PS/PS to Chairman & MD, FCI, New Delhi
3. PS to Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi
4. PS to Economic Advisor, D/o FPD, DFPD, New Delhi
5. Sh. BVC Rao, Dy. Director General, NIC HQ, CGO Complex, New Delhi – requesting to share guidelines with SIOs of concerned State NIC Units for timely implementation
6. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Hyderabad
7. Dy. Secretary (BP), D/o FPD, New Delhi.