

**F. No. 23(5) /2015-Comp Cell(Part-II)**

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

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R. No. 275, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

**Dated: 28.12.2022**

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

**Subject: Decision for free of cost foodgrain distribution under NFSA w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 reg.**

Madam/Sir,

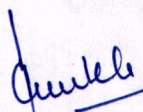
As you are aware that under NFSA, subsidized food grains are being distributed at Rs 3 per kg for rice, Rs 2 per kg for wheat and Rs 1 per kg coarse grains to NFSA beneficiaries. The Central government has now decided to provide free of cost foodgrains to all NFSA beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) for one year, with effective from January 1, 2023.

In this regard, all the States/UTs are kindly advised to immediately issue instructions to NIC team/technical team to incorporate following changes in IT systems and ePoS application to ensure free of cost foodgrains distribution to NFSA beneficiaries from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023:

- a) Exclusive print receipt to be printed for NFSA distribution and separate receipt to be printed for State schemes, if any, or any additional quantity if issued by the State/UT.
- b) Print receipt of NFSA to prominently indicate free foodgrain distribution and subsidy borne by the Government of India. Format of print receipt for foodgrain distribution under NFSA will be shared shortly.
- c) Separate biometric authentications to be made for distribution under NFSA and under State/UT schemes, if any, or any additional quantity if issued by the State/UT.

Further, it is also requested to sensitize the FPS dealers and field officers with regards to the above decision of the Central Government. Extensive awareness generation amongst the beneficiaries may also be carried out so that all NFSA beneficiaries become aware to get free foodgrains from Fair Price Shop under NFSA.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Vivek Shukla)  
Director (PD)  
28.12.22

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