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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: 01st May 2019

To

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

Subject: Intra-State de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiaries under NFSA – reg.

Madam/Sir,

Your attention is drawn towards the earlier letter of this Department of even no. dated 16th August 2018 with regards to the intra-State de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiaries under NFSA (copy enclosed).

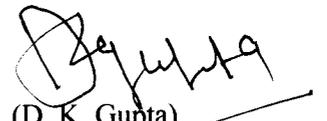
2. It was informed earlier that, as part of preparatory exercises by NIC-HQ team under the IM-PDS scheme, a large number of suspected duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries were observed within the States'/UTs' respective ration card databases. Details of the repeating records based on 'combination of demographic data' and 'Aadhaar numbers' in some States/UTs along with steps to see and verify the list of suspected duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries on the central NFSA dashboard.

3. States/UTs using the NIC's Common Application Software (CAS), were requested to make use the utility available in the RCMS/ePDS for generating duplicate results and taking appropriate actions after proper verification. Whereas, other States/UTs were also requested to make use of similar features in their respective RCMS applications. Steps involved for filtering out suspected duplicate records were also shared.

4. It is therefore requested to kindly submit an action taken report along with details of the intra-State de-duplication results thus achieved to this Department latest by 06th May 2019.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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To

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Subject: Intra-State/UT de-duplication of Ration Cards/Beneficiaries under NFSA-reg.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, this Department has launched a new Central Sector Scheme – Integrated Management of Public Distribution System (IM-PDS) w.e.f. 1st April 2018 for implementation in all States/UTs during the years 2018-19 and 2019-20. Key objective of this scheme is to introduce nationwide portability of ration cards/beneficiaries as next level of reforms in PDS operations in the country. This will be done by national de-duplication and creation of national repository of all NFSA ration cards/beneficiaries which have been digitized as part of efforts made under the ongoing End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations scheme.

2. In a recent exercise done by the NIC-HQ to develop a proof of concept for the new scheme using sample data of few States/UTs, it has been found that a large number of duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries exist within the States/UTs' own databases. Duplicate records were identified in a simple de-duplication exercise by NIC using Aadhaar numbers and/or demographic details of ration card holders such as name, father's/spouse's name, date of birth, address, etc. Some of the findings from limited data of ration cards are as below –

Sl.	State	No. of records with repeating Combination of same Demographic Data (Name, Father Name and Spouse Name)	No of records with repeating Aadhaar / UID Number
1	Assam	30,78,481	1,516
2	Nagaland	88,446	55,010
3	Mizoram	43,212	15,689
4	Jammu & Kashmir	83,30,294	2,17,825
5	Meghalaya	84,016	0
6	Manipur	2,26,035	336
7	Sikkim	74,652	74,004
8	Uttarakhand	2,35,867	2,00,140

9	Punjab	77,41,212	6,689
10	Maharashtra	7,07,090	738
	Total	2,06,09,305	5,71,947

3. Detailed list is available on NFSA dashboard (nfsa.gov.in) under respective State PDS Coordinators' / nodal officers' login. Steps to see these lists are annexed.

4. States/UTs using NIC's Common Application Software (CAS), can make use of a software utility available under the RCMS/ePDS module for generating duplicate results. This utility can be accessed by concerned users/officers at their level without any technical dependency on NIC. The steps involved in filtering out such duplicate records are as follows –

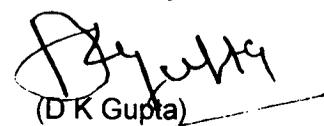
- a. Use the report available under the reports section of ERCMS and RCMS modules to generate list of possible duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries for verification.
- b. After opening this report, select ration cards data of source district to compare it with other districts data (one or many) of the State.
- c. List of all suspected ration cards/beneficiaries' with repeating parameter(s) will be generated for source and destination district(s).
- d. The generated list may be download in desired formats (like excel, document etc.) for further sorting, grouping, filtering, etc.
- e. These results may be used for field verification and cleaning drive of ration cards data.

5. In the Non-CAS States/UTs too, similar feature/utility exist in their respective Ration Cards Management System module/application.

6. It is, therefore, requested to use the said utility for identification of duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries in your respective States/UTs.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,



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Annexure

Steps to see the list of suspected duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries on NFSA dashboard

1. The lists are available on NFSA Portal (<http://nfsa.gov.in>) and are accessible to respective State/UTs' PDS coordinators' / nodal officers' under their logins.
2. Respective State PDS coordinator / nodal officer need to Login into the NFSA Portal with their credentials.
 - a. In case, the login account is not available, they may apply for new user account using the path "Sign In >> Official Login >> New User Registration"
 - b. NFSA portal administrator at NIC / DFPD will verify the user registration request and create/enable the user.
 - c. If they have forgotten the password, they can reset the same after getting an OTP on their mobile number linked to their Aadhaar.
3. After successful login, the State PDS coordinator / nodal officer for NFSA have to click on the Report List section.
4. Under sub-section 'The Tentative List of Ration Cards/Beneficiaries that needs to be Re-Verified' the aforesaid beneficiary list is available.
 - a. Based on repeating combination of same Name, Father Name and Spouse Name
 - b. Based on repeating Aadhaar Number
5. The list can be downloaded and may be used for preparation of district-wise, sub-division-wise and FPS shop-wise lists for further verification and action purposes.