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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 23(5)/2013-Comp. Vol-II Part (1)

Dated: August 22, 2019

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2. The objective of this conference is to discuss the qualitative aspects of the implementation of PDS reforms in the country with the help of initiatives and experiences of State/UT Governments. As always, this conference will also provide an opportunity to the participants from all States/UTs to interact and enlighten each other about new initiatives, best practices and other new ideas being tried to bring about qualitative improvement in the functioning of the Public Distribution System in the country. A copy of the agenda for 2-days conference is enclosed for your reference.

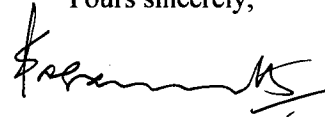
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4. Since, the boarding & lodging arrangements at the venue shall be made by GIZ in advance, it is requested that a line of confirmation, along with name, designation and contact details of the accompanying officer, may please be sent to this Department at dk.gupta73@gov.in and cpmu.fpd@nic.in latest by 9th September, 2019.

5. I would further request that the States/UTs, which have been given slots for sharing their experiences during the conference, may kindly prepare their presentations as per the topics indicated in the enclosed agenda.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


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Encl: As above.

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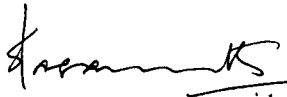
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AGENDA

TWO DAYS NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF STATE FOOD SECRETARIES ON 'PDS REFORMS AND NEW INITIATIVES'

Statue of Unity, Narmada, Gujarat | 26th-27thSeptember'2019

Day One

09:00 – 09:30 am	Delegates Registration
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Opening Session

09:30 – 09:40 am	Welcome address by Principal Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies, Government of Gujarat
09:40 – 09:50 am	Objective of the conference by Joint Secretary (BP&PD), D/o Food & Public Distribution
09:50 – 10:00 am	Opening remarks by Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat
10:00 – 10:10 am	Opening remarks by Secretary, D/o Food & Public Distribution, Government of India

Session Two

10:10 – 10:15 am	Showcase of Short film / video on PDS reforms by D/o Food & Public Distribution
10:15 – 10:35 am	Sharing of Intra-State and Inter-State Portability experiences, issues and challenges, etc. – by Telangana representatives
10:35 – 11:00 am	Knowledge sharing on preparatory activities for readiness Inter-State Portability in other States – by <i>Sh. Guru Prasad, Senior Technical Director, NIC</i>
11:00 – 11:20 am	Experience sharing on Identification and deletion of ration cards/beneficiaries and successful biometric based PDS – by Uttar Pradesh representatives
11:20 – 11:35 am	Tea Break
11:35 – 11:50 am	Sharing of results and findings of National Level De-Duplication – by NIC Central Team
11:50 – 12:05 pm	Sharing of findings/results of 100% e-KYC exercise in Madhya Pradesh /Other States – by GIZ representatives
12:05 – 12:20 pm	Methodology to implement e-KYC for Aadhaar validation – CPMU and UIDAI
12:20 – 12:40 pm	Sharing of advance and seamless processes of Supply Chain Automation in Gujarat – by State Civil Supplies Corporation / department representatives
12:40 – 01:00 pm	Discussion on silent ration cards, unutilized quota/gap in coverage and ways to include new genuinely deserving & under privileged beneficiaries under the fold of food security - by Chhattisgarh representatives
01:00 – 02:00 pm	Lunch Break

Session Three

02:00 – 02:15 pm	Sharing of findings of Data Analytics of PDS Data of States/UTs – by CPMU / WFP representatives.
02:15 – 02:30 pm	Comments and discussion on findings of Data Analytics exercise carried out by DFPD
02:30 – 02:50 pm	Presentation on 'Beneficiary Feedback Collection System/Mechanism' in Andhra Pradesh – by State representatives
02:50 – 03:00 pm	Presentation on 'Communitization as an effective approach for PDS operations' in Nagaland – by State representatives
03:00 – 03:15 pm	Approach for implementation of Digital/Cashless Transactions at FPSs in Tripura – by State Govt. representatives
03:15 – 03:45 pm	Presentation on the findings from the evaluation study of Nutritional/Fortification Study, door step delivery and portability in States/UTs – by MicroSave Representatives
03:45 – 04:00 pm	Tea Break
04:00 – 04:20 pm	Experience sharing by Gujarat State Food Commission – by SFC representatives
04:20 – 04:40 pm	Presentation on IT infrastructure management (servers, computers, etc.) and future plan by NIC and CPMU
04:40 – 05:00 pm	Presentation, discussion and review on readiness to start fortification of rice under PDS – by DFPD

Day Two

Session Four

09:30 – 10:00 am	Demonstration of central dashboards – NFSA portal and Annavitran portal – by CPMU Team
10:00 – 10:15 am	Demo of monthly closing certificate of foodgrains distribution generation through Annavitran portal – by NIC Team.
10:15 – 10:30 am	Demonstration of mobile based application developed by States – by Telangana State NIC
10:30 – 10:45 am	Presentation on Social Audit / FPS Management in Madhya Pradesh – by State Representative
10:45 – 11:05 am	Brainstorming session for future amendments in NFSA – by NFSA Division, DFPD
11:05 – 11:20 am	Discussion on best practices adopted by the State on Fund Management – by WFP representatives
11:20 – 11:35 am	Tea Break
11:35 – 11:50 pm	Presentation on proposed Central Grievance Redressal Monitoring System (CGRMS) – by GIZ representatives
11:50 – 12:10 am	Presentation on the findings of Concurrent Evaluation (all States) for the FY'2018-19 – by DFPD representatives
12:10 – 01:00 pm	Demonstration of up-graded Annavitran portal, NPP, PICAS of policy division, etc. – by NIC Central Team
01:00 – 01:10 pm	Closing remark and way forward – by DFPD

Session Five

02:00 – 05:00 pm	Field visit to few Fair Price Shops and Godowns.
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