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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
Dated: 21/10/2020

To

Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
All States/UTs – under One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan

Subject: Increasing the number of monthly inter-State portability transactions under One Nation One Ration Card – reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware that, One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan having potential to mitigate the food-security problems of migrants, is now part of the Prime Minister's Technology Driven System Reforms under Atma Nirbhar Bharat Abhiyan (ANBA) and its performance is being monitored on a day-to-day basis at the highest level as at present the facility is enabled in 28 States/UTs covering about 68.6 Cr. beneficiaries i.e. 85% NFSA population.

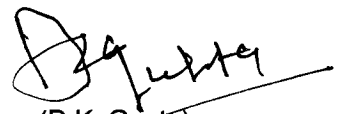
2. However, as per the reports appearing on the central portals, it is observed that the performance of inter-State portability transactions is not as per the expectation of this Department. In this regard, with an objective to give thrust to the inter-State portability transactions, Secretary (DFPD) vide DO letters dated 21/08/2020 had requested the Chief Secretaries of all concerned States/UTs to promote active participation of FPS dealers and suggested that promotional targets of about 1-5 portability transactions per month may be assigned them (depending upon the district/location). But, no action seems to be taken by any State/UT except Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, so far. Such negligent conduct on part of States/UTs is highly objectionable.

3. Further, it is also stated, that in the absence of sustained progress of inter-State portability transactions, it would be very difficult for this Department to recommend the concerned State/UT to M/o Finance for additional borrowing of GSDP.

4. In case of any challenges/bottlenecks being faced in promoting the national portability transaction w.r.t. availability of foodgrains, supply chain, technical difficulties, promotions, etc. the same shall be brought to the notice of this Department for necessary support.

5. All States/UTs under ONORC plan are therefore requested to make concerted efforts for increasing and sustaining the inter-State portability transactions on high priority by considering the above suggestion of this Department or through any other suitable mechanisms such as outdoor publicity, social media, print media, civil societies, NGOs, etc. The details of actions taken and regular progress may be shared with this Department on regular basis in-line with reports appearing on central portals.

Yours faithfully,



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