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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

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To

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

Subject: Promotion of cashless/digital transactions in Public Distribution System – reg.

Madam/Sir,

As you are aware, in line with the directions of the Government, this Department has been regularly pursuing the implementation of cashless/digital transactions in Public Distribution System through Aadhaar enabled Payment System (AePS) in FPSs with ePoS devices, and through others modes as interim measures in non-automated FPSs. In this regard, a joint meeting was held on 4th August 2018, under the Chairmanship of Secretary, D/o Financial Services, Gol, with the Executive Directors and State Lead Bank Officers (SLBOs) of all major banks, to discuss the challenges being faced by the States/UTs and the plan of action for operationalizing cashless/digital transactions in PDS. The SLBOs were asked to assume proactive role in this context, and were instructed to facilitate integration of banking system with ePoS devices in all States/UTs within a month or two, to ensure AePS based cashless/digital transaction are enabled in all FPSs without any further delay.

4. States/UTs are, therefore requested, to coordinate with respective SLBOs to finalize the plan of action for implementation of cashless/digital transactions in PDS, and share the progress with this Department regularly. Problems being faced in this regard (if any), may be shared with us immediately, so that they can be taken up with banks during the weekly review VC/meeting held by D/o Financial Services every Wednesday.

Yours faithfully


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