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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: 28/02/2020

To

**Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department
Administration/Government of – Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh,
Odisha, Punjab, Sikkim, Mizoram, Nagaland, Daman & Diu and Dadra & Nagar
Haveli.**

**Subject: Implementation of inter-State Portability of NFSA ration card holders under
'One Nation One Ration Card' plan – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, with an objective to sustain the reforms brought in the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) by 'End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations' scheme and to introduce new reforms, this Department has started the implementation of "One Nation One Ration Card" plan under the Scheme on 'Integrated Management of Public Distribution System' (IM-PDS), which mainly aims to implement nation-wide portability in the distribution of subsidised foodgrains to eligible ration card holders/beneficiaries under NFSA who migrate/move across States/UTs in search of temporary employment/work or other reasons and gets deprived from accessing their quota of subsidised foodgrains, since the ration card is tagged to a particular FPS in home State/UT.

2. Through this facility, the ration card holders/beneficiaries under NFSA, shall be able to lift/receive their entitled quota of subsidised foodgrains from any ePoS enabled FPSs of their choice, anywhere in the country, by using their existing/same ration card issued in the home State/UT after establishing their identity through biometric/Aadhaar authentication on ePoS device. Presently, the facility of inter-State portability is operational in a single cluster of 12 States, namely – Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura w.e.f. 1st January 2020. Further, it is planned to add remaining States/UTs in this cluster before June 2020 to achieve the target of national portability in a phased manner.

3. Since, your State/UT has already completed the implementation of all pre-requisite activities under the end-to-end computerization scheme, including operationalisation of ePoS devices in all FPSs for distribution of subsidised foodgrains to beneficiaries and also the biometric/Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries. It is therefore planned to integrate your State/UT with the aforesaid cluster of 12 States **w.e.f. distribution month of March 2020.**

4. In this regard, besides availability of ration cards/beneficiaries data in Central

Repository, all requisite software/applications are developed by NIC-HQ to enables seamless exchange of ration card/beneficiary information and their entitlements between States/UTs. Further, all concerned instructions/guidelines issued earlier by this Department for effective implementation of inter-State portability are enclosed again.

5. The orientation trainings of your State/UT technical team/concerned officers through Video Conferencing from time to time in the recent past and necessary testing of said software utilities/applications and inter-State portability transactions for your State/UT have also been completed by NIC-HQ and Central PMU team of this Department. Further, NIC HQ is continuously providing technical assistance to States/UTs to modify/upgrade their ePoS applications and also with other technical preparatory activities for enabling the inter-State portability transactions.

6. In view of above preparedness, necessary instructions to all concerned officials including district level officers and FPS dealers may be issued. Further, if any support/clarification is required in completing the preparatory activities, concerned officers of your State/UT may reach out to following officer of central team:

Officers	Contact details	Support for
Sh. BVC Rao, Sr. Technical Director & HoD NIC-HQ, New Delhi	Mob: 9958402296 Email: bvcrao@nic.in	National de-duplication
Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director NIC-AePDS Team, Hyderabad	Mob: 9490751034 Email: guru@nic.in	Upgrading ePoS application
Sh. Pankaj Mishra Pr. Consultant, CPMU, DFPD	Mob: 9971152087 Email: cpmu.fpd@nic.in	Any other assistance/ clarification

7. It is requested to take necessary actions at your end to start national portability w.e.f. the distribution month of March 2020.


Yours faithfully,

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Date: Fri Feb 28 13:27:15 IST 2020
Reason: Approved

Encl: As above

(D.K. Gupta)
Director (PD)

Copy for information to:

1. Dy. Director General, NIC HQ, CGO Complex, New Delhi – with a request to share the guidelines with SIOs of concerned State NIC Units for timely implementation.
2. Dy. Secretary (BP), D/o FPD, New Delhi 

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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Department of Food & Public Distribution

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Dated:18/07/2019

To

**Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,
Food & Civil Supplies Department
State Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Telangana**

Subject: Corrigendum for guidelines of pilot implementation of National Portability in States Regarding

Sir,

Considering the request of participating States in the discussion during the VC meeting held under the chairmanship of Secretary (FPD) on 4th July, 2019 regarding launching of National Portability in two clusters from 1st August 2019, it has been decided to allow a beneficiary to lift foodgrains upto 50% of the monthly entitled quantity in a gap of 7 days between two successive transactions instead of 10 days as mentioned at point no. 7(b) in guidelines on pilot implementation of National Portability of ration cards..

2. It is requested to take necessary actions to launch National Portability of ration card to lift foodgrains by beneficiaries from any FPSs of cluster state w.e.f. 1st August 2019.

encl: as above

Yours faithfully,

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Copy for information to:

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2. AS&FA,DFPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi
4. Joint Secretary (Policy&FCI), DFPD, New Delhi
5. Economic Advisor, DFPD, DFPD, New Delhi
6. Dy. Director General, NIC CGO Complex, New Delhi : With request to share the guideline with SIO, NIC of concerned States for timely launching this initiative.
7. Dy. Secretary (BP), DFPD, New Delhi

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM (IM-PDS)

Guidelines for pilot implementation of National Portability of Ration Card Holders

1. Objective

To implement nation-wide portability of benefits for ration card holders under NFSA, to lift their entitlement foodgrains from any FPS in the country.

2. Definitions under national portability

- a. **Home State:** Ration card issuing State/UT
- b. **Destination State:** Foodgrains distributing State/UT, other than Home State.
- c. **Central Issue Prices:** Rs. 3, 2, 1 per Kg. for Rice, Wheat and Coarse-grains respectively.
- d. **Scale of Issue:**
 - AAY: 35 Kg per household per month
 - PHH: 5 Kg per person per month
- e. **Automated FPS:** An FPS having fully functional ePoS device working online.
- f. **Un-automated FPS:** FPS without ePoS devices or without network connectivity.
- g. **Portability Beneficiary:** Beneficiary of any State/UT intending to lift subsidised foodgrains in a Destination State/UT through national portability.

3. Eligibility of beneficiaries for national portability

- a. All beneficiaries covered under NFSA shall be eligible, except those tagged to un-automated FPSs and those covered under State Govt. schemes.
- b. Aadhaar number of at least the beneficiary should be seeded with his/her ration card.
- c. The household of the beneficiary shall not have more than one ration card.
- d. Name of any beneficiary of the concerned ration card is not appearing in more than one ration card.

4. Use of Aadhaar for authenticated lifting under national portability

Lifting of subsidised foodgrains from the FPSs shall only be done after successful biometric Aadhaar authentication of beneficiary seeking portability benefit on the ePoS device.

5. Mechanism for lifting of foodgrains from FPSs in Destination State

- a. Beneficiary desirous of lifting foodgrains through portability in a Destination State may approach any automated FPS in the Destination State along with ration card details issued in Home State under NFSA.
- b. Ration card details will be used by the FPS dealer in Destination State to obtain entitlement details of the beneficiary from his/her Home State.

- c. After receiving entitlement details, Aadhaar of the beneficiary will be used for biometric authentication on ePoS device.
- d. After successful biometric authentication on ePoS, the beneficiary will be able to lift the desired quantity of foodgrains from the FPS in Destination State,.

A flow diagram giving complete transaction process is annexed.

6. Commodities, scale of issue and issue prices under national portability

- a. Foodgrains i.e. rice, wheat and coarse-grains shall be issued at the same scale and central issue prices as under NFSA.
- b. Combination/ratio of foodgrains (i.e. Rice, Wheat and Coarse-grains) shall be same as applicable for distribution under PDS in the Destination State/UT.
- c. In case of States distributing Wheat-flour (Atta) instead of Wheat, Wheat flour would be distributed to the portability beneficiaries at a price fixed by the concerned State/UT for distribution of Wheat flour.
- d. Destination State/UT may consider at their discretion to allow the lifting of foodgrains by such beneficiaries at the scale of issue in terms of quantity/commodity or issue price applicable for same category of beneficiaries in the Destination State/UT without any financial implication for GoI.

7. Part-lifting of entitled foodgrains

- a. A ration card holder under national portability, except in ration card with single beneficiary, shall not be allowed to lift entire quantity of the monthly entitled quota of foodgrains in a single transaction in Destination State/UT, to ensure provision of lifting of part quantity by other family members, if any, in the Home State/UT.
- b. If a ration card holder under national portability has more than one member in family/ration card, then he/she can only lift up to 50% of the monthly entitled foodgrains from Destination State/UT in one single transaction, provided there shall be a gap of at least 10 days between two transactions.

8. Advance central allocation of foodgrains

- a. States may take additional 5% quantity of foodgrains from the Central Pool as **one-time advance** for a period of up to three months, i.e. 15% for up to one quarter only.
- b. Advance quantity shall be over and above regular monthly central allocation.
- c. Thereafter, from subsequent quarter, reconciled quantity of foodgrains shall be allocated dynamically after adjustments between the States.

9. State-level allocation of foodgrains

States shall make their own internal arrangements and adjustments for FPS wise allocation of foodgrains under national portability, over and above the State-level portability.

10. Adjustments & Settlement of foodgrains

- a. States/UTs shall reconcile and adjust the quantity of foodgrains with each other on quarterly basis, as per actual distribution to each other's beneficiaries under national portability, as appearing on the central Annavitran portal.
- b. Settlement of foodgrains shall be done at the level of Central Allocation, only in terms of quantity of foodgrains irrespective of the commodities i.e. Rice, Wheat and Coarse-grains, distributed under national portability.
- c. Final reconciliation and adjustment of the quantity of foodgrains shall also be done at the level of Central Allocation on annual basis in the beginning of each Financial Year.

11. Central assistance

States may claim central assistance under NFSA for the intra-State transportation, dealers' margin, etc. as per norms based on actual distribution appearing of foodgrains, as per Annavitran portal.

12. Awareness generation

States may also undertake necessary awareness generation among the beneficiaries with regards to implementation of national/ inter-State portability of benefits i.e. distribution of subsidised foodgrains under NFSA.

Transaction Process of National Portability

