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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Food & Public Distribution  
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R. No 275, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated: 26/04/21

To

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

**Subject: Reaching out to migrant NFSA beneficiaries through One Nation One Ration Card Plan – reg.**

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, migrant workers/ people are highly vulnerable in the current COVID-19 pandemic situation and timely availability of subsidized /free Foodgrains to them assumes great significance. During this situation of COVID-19 in the country, **One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)** plan plays a vital role to provide portability of food security and enable to migratory beneficiaries to lift their entitled quota of subsidized foodgrains by just providing their same/existing ration card number or Aadhaar number to any ePoS-enabled FPS dealer. We need to ensure that poor and vulnerable migratory beneficiaries do not suffer on account of non availability of foodgrains during the unprecedented time of economic crisis.

2. **ONORC** is an ambitious plan and effort of the D/o Food & Public Distribution in association with State/UT Governments towards achieving nation-wide portability of the benefits under the 'National Food Security Act, 2013' (NFSA)/Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojna (PMGKAY) and is highly beneficial for the numerous migratory beneficiaries who frequently change their place of dwelling across the country in search of temporary employment or for other reasons.

3. In order to ensure full-utilization of One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) facility by migrant NFSA beneficiaries, concerned States/UTs are requested to:

- a. Give full-scale publicity of ONORC in collaboration and partnership of Labour Department, District administrations, Industrial associations and NGOs to reach out and deliver entitled Foodgrains.
- b. Promote the use of voluntary registration facility by migrant beneficiaries through **toll free number '14445'** and '**Mera Ration**' mobile application to assist beneficiaries and deliver entitled foodgrains on priority.
- c. Ensure adequate supply of foodgrains at Fair Price Shops to meet the demand of all migrant beneficiaries under ONORC plan. Further, this Department has issued a letter on 03/06/2020 to States/UTs for availing advance foodgrains requirement under ONORC plan.(copy enclosed)

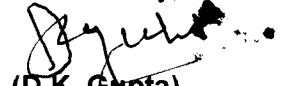


- d. Ensure the distribution cycle of foodgrain for entire period of the month, so that access to foodgrains may be available to migratory beneficiaries across the country under ONORC plan.
- e. Instruct all Fair Price Shops to remain open throughout the month and distribute entitled Foodgrains to migrant workers/ people at their convenient time by following social distancing, other hygiene measures and others etc as per department's letter dated 18/03/2020, 03/04/2020 and 23/04/2020.

4. Further, keeping in view of COVID -19 present pandemic situation, this Department has issued advisory on 19/04/2021 regarding advance distribution of foodgrains to beneficiaries. This may also be considered during PGMKAY distribution to beneficiaries.

5. All concerned 32 States/UTs (so far enabled ONORC plan) are requested to ensure its robust implementation and preparedness to ensure seamless access of NFSA/PMGKAY foodgrains to migrant NFSA beneficiaries from any Fair Price Shop in their States/UTs under ONORC plan. Further, remaining States/UT i.e. **Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi, and West Bengal** are requested to implement the ONORC at the earliest by fulfilling all technical pre-requisites so that migrant beneficiaries may take benefit of ONORC facility across the county.

Yours faithfully,

  
(D.K. Gupta)  
Director (PD)

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- 1 Sh Amarnath Mishra, DDG, NIC HQ, CGO Complex, New Delhi
2. Sh Guru Prasad, Sr Technical Director, NIC HQ, Hyderabad- requested to provide all requisite technical support for smooth implementation of ONORC plan.