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Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Department of Food &amp; Public Distribution

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Dated: 16.12.2020

To

**Pr. Secretary / Secretary,  
Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
Government/Administration of – Meghalaya and Andaman & Nicobar Islands.**

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

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware this Department is implementing nation-wide portability of the benefits under NFSA through "One Nation One Ration Card" plan, which aims to provide an option to all NFSA beneficiaries, if desire, to lift their entitled foodgrains under NFSA from any ePoS enabled Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice anywhere in the country, by using their existing/same ration card with Aadhaar authentication on ePoS device. This facility is already enabled seamlessly across 30 States/UT, namely – Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Dadra & N. Haveli and Daman & Diu, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamilnadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand and, Uttar Pradesh.

2. In this endeavour, necessary preparatory activities to integrate your State/UT with the national cluster i.e. upgradation of ePoS software, integration with central IM-PDS and Annavitran portals, availability of ration cards/beneficiaries data in Central Repository, requisite testing of national portability transactions, etc. have already been completed with the support of central NIC team. Further, it is highlighted that central NIC and CPMU team of this Department have also completed the orientation trainings of the technical team and concerned officers of your State/UT through Video Conferencing and necessary implementation guidelines/instructions are also shared (~~copy enclosed~~). Therefore, it is envisaged, to enable the national portability transactions under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan in your State with immediate effect. Requisite web-services for reporting of portability transaction details to central dashboard have been enabled for your State/UT and continuous assistance is available from the central NIC team.

3. Now, it is requested, that in view of the local situation, State/UT may take a decision to operationalize/ commence the national portability transactions at the earliest. Efforts may also be made towards wide-publicity and awareness generation among NFSA beneficiaries, field level officers/staff, etc. on priority.

4. In case of any technical support/clarification, the nodal officers/technical teams may reach out to following officials:

a) Sh. BVC Rao, Dy. Director General, NIC (HQ) at [bvcrao@nic.in](mailto:bvcrao@nic.in) /9958402296 w.r.t. central repository, national de-duplication and related matters.

- b) Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Direct, NIC HQ at guru@nic.in /9490751034 w.r.t. ePoS application and related matters.
- c) Sh. Pankaj Mishra, Pr.Consultant, CPMU at cpmu.fpd@nic.in /9971152087 w.r.t. guidelines, procedural matters or any other assistance/clarification from the Dept.

Yours faithfully,



(Ashok Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

**Copy to:**

Pr. Secretary/Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department of existing **30 States/UT** under One Nation One Ration Card (as mentioned in para-1 above) for taking necessary action and enabling national portability transaction with newly integrated States/UT on priority.

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1. PPS to AS&FA, D/o FPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. PS to Addl. Secretary (Pol. & FCI), D/o FPD, New Delhi
3. PPS/PS to Chairman & MD, FCI, New Delhi
4. PS to Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi
5. PS to Economic Advisor, D/o FPD, DFPD, New Delhi
6. Sh. BVC Rao, Dy. Director General, NIC HQ, CGO Complex, New Delhi – requesting to share guidelines with SIOs of concerned State NIC Units for timely implementation
7. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Hyderabad
8. Dy. Secretary (BP), D/o FPD, New Delhi.