

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

Meeting with Tanzanian Delegation

A thirteen-member delegation representing Government of Tanzania, visited India between 24th -31st August 2019. The focus of the visit was to learn from broader Indian experience and expertise in digitisation of Government social welfare schemes. During a weeklong visit the delegation met with the officials from Department of Food and Public Distribution, the expectation was to learn from India's successful implementation of 'End-to-end Computerisation of PDS Operations' and Cash transfer scheme in lieu of in-kind ration.

Tanzanian Delegation led by the Deputy Governor of Bank of Tanzania ~ Dr Bernard Kibese, had an informative discussion with officials from Department of Food and Public Distribution during a two-hour long meeting chaired by Sh. Ravikant - Secretary (Food & Public Distribution). The meeting started with a brief presentation made by Sh. S Jaganathan – Joint Secretary (BP PD) on National Food Security Act, 2013 and its implementation through PDS operations and introduction of E-t-E Computerisation scheme to bring about efficacy in the operations. The presentation was followed by a question and answer session during which officials from the Department further helped the members of delegation understand the impact and reach of the reforms brought under PDS operations through technological intervention.

The day after meeting with departmental officials, delegation visited few fair price shops(FPS) in Gurugram, Haryana to see the Aadhaar based transaction through ePoS (electronic Point of Sale) devices for distribution of food grains and understand the role of Business Correspondent performed by the fair price shop owner, facilitated by Common Service Centre(CSC) application. The visiting team interacted with the FPS owners as well as with the District Food Supply Officers to understand the field level operations involved in implementation of the said scheme.

Some photographs of the visit are appended below.

Snapshot of the Visit by Tanzanian Delegation

Meeting at Department of Food & Public Distribution 26th August, 2019



Field Visit to Fair Price Shops on 27th August, 2019

