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

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.
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To

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

Subject: Implementation of CCTV based solution for surveillance & monitoring of fair Price Shop (FPS) operations across the country - reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware that under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) Highly subsidised foodgrains are distributed to beneficiaries covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) through a network of about 5.4 Lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs) all over the country every month. So far, 92% FPSs are having electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) device and are also distributing the foodgrains through biometric authentication of beneficiaries on these devices.

2. Further, you may also be aware that the Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has directed to consider putting CCTV cameras at all 5.4 Lakh FPSs and the live feed shall be put in public domain to increase the transparency of the PDS operations at the last mile beneficiary touch points.

3. In this regard, States are requested to kindly explore the feasibility of installation of CCTV cameras in their respective States/UTs. States/UTs are also requested to share a plan with this Department for installing CCTV cameras in all FPSs, with a mechanism to provide FPS-wise live feeds in public domain through a dedicated portal. Further, States/UTs already having such system in place are requested to share details of cameras installed in number of FPSs along with details of their solution, experiences, best practices, etc and a plan to enable live feed in public domain with this Department at the earliest..

Yours faithfully,

(Ashok Kumar)
Under Secretary to the Govt. of India