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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

Dated: 30/08/2019

To

Principal Secretary/Secretary
Food & Civil Supplies Department
Government of – Punjab, Jharkhand and Tripura.

Subject: Implementation of inter-State Portability of ration card holders under NFSA - Reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, to sustain the reforms brought in by the scheme on 'End to End Computerization of TPDS Operations' this Department is implementing a Central Sector Scheme on 'Integrated Management of Public Distribution System' (IM-PDS) with main objective of introducing inter-State/National Portability of ration card holders under NFSA in the country.

2. It is informed that inter-State portability of ration card holders under the IM-PDS scheme is recently started in four states i.e. Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, and Gujarat & Maharashtra in two clusters w.e.f. August 2019. The inter-State portability transactions in these states have already started taking place using the Central Repository of ration card/beneficiary's data maintained by NIC.
3. Further, in pursuance of the decision taken to extend the reach of inter-State Portability in a few more States/UTs which have already implemented the intra-State portability of ration card holders, the inter-State portability shall be implemented in few more states i.e. Haryana & Rajasthan, and Kerala & Karnataka in two clusters w.e.f. October 2019.
4. Subsequently, the inter-State portability is also planned to be Started in the States of Punjab, Jharkhand and Tripura before December 2019 alongside integration of the aforesaid four clusters of States into a single platform.
5. In this regard, to ensure timely and effective implementation of inter-State Portability in the cluster of States, detailed guidelines prepared by this Department are enclosed.
6. It may be mentioned, that national level de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiaries and upgradation of ePoS application are two major pre-requisites for starting the inter-State portability transactions. In this connection, NIC HQ has developed a software utility to fetch the ration card/beneficiary details from the States/UTs and store the same into a 'Central Repository' for performing national level de-duplication. Similarly, NIC HQ is also providing

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technical assistance to States/UTs to modify or upgrade their ePoS application and with other preparatory activities required for enabling the inter-state portability transactions. Thus, in case of any support/clarification required in completing the preparatory activities, the State Nodal Officers/ technical team may kindly reach out to below officials:

- a. **For national de-duplication:** Sh. BVC Rao, Sr. Technical Director & HoD, NIC-HQ at 9958402296 / bvcrao@nic.in
- b. **For upgrading ePoS application:** Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Direct, NIC HQ at 9490751034 / guru@nic.in
- c. **For any other assistance/clarification:** Sh. Pankaj Mishra, Pr. Consultant, CPMU at 9971152087 / cpmu.fpd@nic.in.

7. Considering the timeline to start the inter-State portability in your States shortly, it is requested that a detailed and time-bound action plan may please be prepared to complete necessary preparatory activities before 30th September 2019 and the same shall be shared with this Department before 10th September' 2019 on dk.gupta73@gov.in.

Yours faithfully,

(D.K. Gupta)
Director (PD)

Encl: As above

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1. PPS to AS&FA, D/o FPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. PPS/PS to Chairman & MD, FCI, New Delhi
3. PS to Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi
4. PS to Joint Secretary (Pol. & FCI), D/o FPD, New Delhi
5. PS to Economic Advisor, D/o FPD, DFPD, New Delhi
6. 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.
7. Dy. Secretary (BP), D/o FPD, New Delhi