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Government of India

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

R. No. 275, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Dated: **29.05.2020**

To

**Pr. Secretary / Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Government of – Mizoram, Odisha and Sikkim****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 under the scheme on 'Integrated Management of Public Distribution System' (IM-PDS), this Department is implementing nation-wide portability of the benefits under NFSA through "One Nation One Ration Card" plan, which aims to enable the NFSA ration card holders to lift their entitled quota of subsidised foodgrains from any ePoS enabled FPS of their choice anywhere in the country, by using the existing/same ration card after Aadhaar authentication on ePoS device. The facility so far is enabled in 17 States/UT, namely – Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh. Further, constant efforts are being made by this Department to expand the reach of national portability to the beneficiaries of other States/UTs also in association with respective State/UT Governments.

2. In this endeavour, necessary preparatory activities to integrate your State with the national cluster viz. 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 has also been completed with the support of central NIC team. It is therefore, envisaged, to enable the national/ inter-State portability transactions under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan in your State w.e.f distribution month of **June 2020**.

3. It is highlighted that central technical team has imparted the requisite orientation trainings to the technical team and concerned officers of your State through Video Conferencing and necessary guidelines/ instructions for the implementation of national/inter-State portability were also shared earlier (copy enclosed). It is re-iterated that those NFSA ration cards which have recorded at-least one Aadhaar authenticated transaction during the last 6-months shall be eligible for the national portability transactions under this plan. This feature has been enabled through the central repository of ration cards/beneficiaries maintained by NIC.

4. It is also informed that in view of the COVID-19 situation, the condition for part-lifting of upto 50% entitlements only in a single transaction through national portability has been temporarily relaxed. Copy of letter issued earlier to other States/UT in national cluster is enclosed. Further, detailed guidelines of this Department issued to all States/UTs vide letter

dated 23/04/2020 may also be referred for biometric authentication of beneficiaries amidst Covid-19 situation including the obligatory requirement of biometric authentication for portability transactions (copy enclosed).

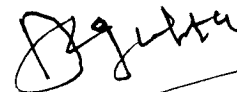
5. Further, it is mentioned that requisite web-services for reporting of portability transaction details to central dashboard are also enabled for your State with immediate effect and the central NIC team shall be continuously assisting the State Government in seamless rollout 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan.

6. It is therefore, requested, that State may commence the national/ inter-State portability transactions in June 2020. This would also enable the beneficiaries of your State anywhere in the national cluster of States/UT to access their quota of foodgrains through national portability with immediate effect. In this regard, efforts/activities to generate necessary awareness among the NFSA beneficiaries and FPS dealers may also be undertaken on priority.

7. For any technical support/clarification, State/UT nodal officers/technical teams may reach out to following officials:

- a. Sh. BVC Rao, Dy. Director General, NIC (HQ) at 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,



(D.K. Gupta)
Director (PD)

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Encl: As above.

Copy to:

Principal Secretaries / Secretaries, Food & Civil Supplies Department of existing 17 States in National Portability cluster (mentioned above) for taking necessary action in view of the above guidelines.

Copy for information to:

1. PS/PS to Chairman & MD, FCI, New Delhi
2. PS to Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi
3. 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
4. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Hyderabad
5. Dy. Secretary (BP), D/o FPD, New Delhi.