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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  
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To

Pr. Secretary/Secretary,  
Food & Civil Supplies Department,  
Government of Tamil Nadu and Arunachal Pradesh.

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 26 States/UT, namely - Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Kerala, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Nagaland, Uttarakhand, Lakshadweep and Ladakh.

2. In this endeavor, necessary preparatory activities to integrate your State 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 already shared. Therefore, it is envisaged, to enable the national portability transactions under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan in your State w.e.f distribution month of October 2020.

3. Requisite web-services for reporting of portability transaction details to central dashboard have been enabled for your State/UT with immediate effect and continuously assistance is available from the central NIC team for seamless rollout 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan.

4. Now, it is requested, that in view of the local situation, State/UT may take a decision to operationalise/commence the national portability transactions by 1st October, 2020.

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Efforts may also be made towards wide-publicity and awareness generation among NFSA beneficiaries, FPS dealers, field level officers/staff, etc. on priority.

5. An early decision/action in this regard would be highly beneficial for the migratory beneficiaries of other States/UTs in your State/UT, and vice-versa, to access their foodgrains anywhere in the national cluster at the earliest.

6. State(s) are requested to enable both national / inter-state portability and intra-state portability of ration card holder(s) **without any condition** to the beneficiary so that beneficiary can avail/lift his entitled quota of foodgrains from any FPS of his choice.

7. In this regard, for 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](mailto:guru@nic.in) /9490751034 w.r.t. ePoS application and related matters.
- c. Sh. Pankaj Mishra, ProConsultant, CPMU at [cpmu.fpd@nic.in](mailto:cpmu.fpd@nic.in) /9971152087 w.r.t. guidelines, procedural matters or any other assistance/clarification from the Dept.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to:

Pr. Secretary/Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department of existing 26 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 Secretary DFPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. PPS to AS&FA, DFPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. PPS to Chairman & MD, FCI, New Delhi
4. PS to Economic Advisor, DFPD, New Delhi
5. 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
5. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Hyderabad
6. Dy. Secretary (BP), DFPD, New Delhi.