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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: 13/08/2021

To

Principal Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
State Government of West Bengal,
Kolkatta.

Subject:- Implementation of national/inter-State portability of NFSA ration card holders under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan - reg.

Sir,

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 33 States/UT, namely - Andhra Pradesh, Andaman& Nicobar Island, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chandigarh, Dadra & N. Haveli and Daman & Diu, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Ladakh, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Odisha, Puducherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Tripura, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh

2. In this endeavor, necessary preparatory activities to integrate your State/UT 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 also shared. Therefore, it is envisaged, to enable the national portability transactions under 'One Nation One Ration Card' plan in State of West Bengal with immediate effect. Requisite web-services for reporting of portability transaction details to central dashboard have been enabled for your State/UT and continuous assistance is available from the central NIC team.

3. Now, it is requested, that in view of the local situation, State/UT may operationalize/ commence the national portability transactions at the earliest. Efforts may also be made towards wide-publicity and awareness generation among NFSA beneficiaries, field level officers/staff, etc. on priority.

4. In case of any technical support/clarification, the nodal officers/technical teams may reach out to following officials:

- a. Smt. Sameena Mukhija, Scientist F/ Sr. Technical Director, NIC (HQ) at sameena@nic.in /9971022911 w.r.t. central repository, national de-duplication and related matters.

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- b. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director, 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.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(Jyotsna Gupta)
Deputy Secretary (PD)
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Copy to:

Pr. Secretary/Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies Department of existing 33 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 State/UT on priority.

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1. PSO to Secretary, F&PD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
2. PPS to AS&FA, O/o FPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
3. PS to Joint Secretary (Pol. & FCI), O/o FPD, New Delhi
4. PPS/PS to Chairman & MD, FCI, New Delhi
5. PS to Director General, NIC, CGO Complex, New Delhi
6. PS to Economic Advisor, O/o FPD, DFPD, New Delhi
7. Smt. Sameena Mukhija, Scientist F/ Sr. Technical Director, NIC HQ, CGO Complex, New Delhi - requesting to share guidelines with SIOs of concerned State NIC Units for timely implementation
8. Sh. Guru Prasad, Sr. Technical Director, NIC, Hyderabad
9. Dy. Secretary (BP), O/o FPD, New Delhi.