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

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To

**Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department of Food & Civil Supplies,
All State Governments and UT Administrations**

Subject: Cleansing of PDS beneficiary list after national level de-duplication of all ration cards/beneficiaries under NFSA – reg.

Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, this Department has setup a 'Central Repository' of all ration cards/beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) to facilitate nation-wide de-duplication of ration cards/beneficiaries. The central repository is also required for the implementation of nation-wide portability of ration card holders under 'One Nation One Ration Card'.

2. Nation-wide de-duplication exercise is being carried out by central NIC on the available data in the central repository and the results i.e. list of suspected duplicate beneficiaries have been shared with all concerned States/UTs through the login-based central portal (URL: <http://impds.nic.in:8080/impdsdeduplication/>) for taking necessary corrective action at their level.

3. It is reiterated that any cancellation/deletion of suspected duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries should only be done after **proper field verification** of each ration card holder/beneficiary in a time-bound manner. Further, until the verification process is completed, no genuinely eligible ration card holder/beneficiary shall be denied subsidised foodgrains under NFSA within the home State/UT of ration card holder. However, such suspected ration cards/beneficiaries shall not be eligible to receive foodgrains under inter-State/national portability until they have been cleared in the central repository.

4. For the removal of inter-State duplicity/ambiguity of ration cards/beneficiaries, concerned States/UTs may establish appropriate coordination/decision mechanism among themselves, such as meetings, video conferencing, field level coordination, etc. for mutually deciding such cases and assigning responsibilities for resolving the suspected cases and updating the same through incremental data in the central repository. **All actions regarding correction of identified/suspected duplicate ration cards/beneficiaries should be completed before 31/03/2020.**

5. It is also stated that the ration cards/beneficiaries' data received in central repository up to 29/02/2020 shall be deemed final and frozen for allocation of foodgrains and completing nation-

wide de-duplication of ration cards, etc. Thereafter, incremental ration card data, in respect of any modifications in the details of existing ration cards (other than adding new beneficiaries or change in Aadhaar number) and or issuance of new ration cards, shall be shared with central repository through web-services at the end of every month.

6. Further, all States/UTs shall ensure that w.e.f. **01/03/2020** issuance of new ration cards/addition of new beneficiary(ies) and updation/change in seeded Aadhaar numbers in existing ration card database shall be done only after real-time cross verification from central repository to ascertain that the same persons/beneficiaries are not pre-existing anywhere else in the country.

Yours faithfully,

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