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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt)(E:334477)

Dated : October 30, 2018

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- i. The automation of Fair Price Shops needs to be completed for all FPSs, as a few FPSs are yet to be installed with ePoS devices. The volume of ePoS transactions in automated FPSs which is only about 55%, also needs to be increased.
- ii. Though the State has implemented the Online Allocation and Supply Chain Automation, systems, but it has come to the notice of this Department that these systems are being used effectively only in the Jammu region. The online allocation orders are not generated in a few districts of the Kashmir region, and computerized supply chain operations are not being performed outside Jammu region. These issues should be resolved immediately, and any technical support required from this Department or NIC may be highlighted. Security audit of the FEAST application is also pending, and this should also be initiated immediately. Delivery of SMS alerts to FPS dealers and beneficiaries shall also be ensured across the State for efficient functioning of Supply Chain Management.
- iii. With regard to Aadhaar seeding, in the Kashmir region it is only about 4% whereas in other parts of the State it is nearly 90%. Overall in the State, Aadhaar seeding is about 64% and 38% at ration cards and beneficiaries level respectively, and the progress is sluggish. The validation of seeded Aadhaar numbers has also not yet started.

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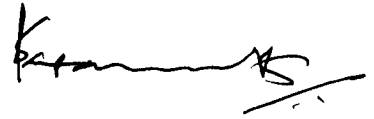
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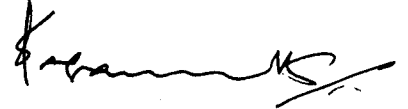
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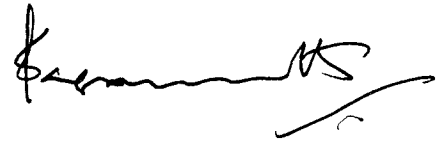
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 - iii. Progress towards completion of Aadhaar seeding is also very slow in the State. Seeding is about 90% and 23% at ration cards and beneficiaries level respectively, and seems to be stagnant since the last the 6 months, and validation of seeded Aadhaar numbers has not yet started.
3. The time-limit of Notification issued by this Department for use of Aadhaar in PDS under Section-7 of the Aadhaar Act has been extended up to 31.12.2018 vide notification SO No. 4998(E) dated 27.09.2018 to allow those beneficiaries who do not possess an Aadhaar number to obtain the same by making an application to the competent authority. It is therefore required that the State Government, with a sense of urgency, shall step up its efforts to complete the seeding and validation of Aadhaar numbers of all beneficiaries before 31st December 2018 and take measures to resolve the issues creating impediments in the implementation of biometric authentication of beneficiaries by installing ePoS devices in all FPSs, without further delay.
4. It has also been brought to the notice of this Department that except in a few areas, the door-step delivery of foodgrains up to FPSs is currently not happening in the State. As this is an important provision under NFSA, any issues in this process may be resolved immediately.

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6. I would, therefore, request you to kindly review the status in respect of the above and issue necessary instructions to the officials concerned to take required actions in a time-bound manner.

With

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(S. Jagannathan)

Shri. Anand Bardhan,
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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001
Dated the October 31st, 2018

D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt)(E:334477)

Dear *Sh. Agarwal*,

You are aware that the implementation of the scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations' is being done to bring systemic reforms in the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) in all States/UTs and enable rightful targeting of food subsidy under NFSA.

2. I write to draw your attention towards the following important issues slowing down the reforms process in your State –

- i. The installation of ePoS devices for automation of Fair Price Shops (FPSs) and implementation of Aadhaar authenticated transactions has not been started in the State. Even though it was apprised earlier by the State Government that installation of ePoS devices in all 20,806 FPSs of the State shall be completed by end of July 2018, no progress in this regard has been reported by the State so far. This needs to be expedited as proper functioning of other reforms brought in the by the End-to-End Computerization Scheme are dependent on this activity of critical importance.
- ii. Seeding of Aadhaar numbers is yet to be completed for all beneficiaries. Presently it is only 64% at the ration cards' and 63% at the beneficiaries' level. Concerted efforts are required for the completion of Aadhaar seeding for all beneficiaries before 31st December 2018.

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With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt)(E:334477)

Dated the October 31st, 2018

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With regards,


Yours sincerely,

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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt) (E:334477)

Dated the November 2nd, 2018
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Dear Ms. Sherma,

You are aware that the implementation of the scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations' is being done to bring systemic reforms in the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) in all States/UTs and enable rightful targeting of food subsidy under NFSA.

2. I write to draw your attention towards the following important issues concerning biometric/Aadhaar authenticated distribution of foodgrains in your State. Even though the State Government has achieved nearly 97% FPS automation, and has almost completed the Aadhaar seeding at both the ration cards and beneficiaries' level (99% and 98% respectively), the volume of biometric/Aadhaar authenticated transactions at FPSs is only about 22%-23% during the last 3 months. At the national level, more than 77% of ePoS transactions were authenticated using Aadhaar of beneficiaries in the month of October 2018. Many States/UTs, which are at par with Chhattisgarh in the implementation of PDS reforms, are distributing 90%-100% of foodgrains after biometric authentication of beneficiaries. Any issues concerning the implementation of biometric/Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries may be rectified and the same shall be implemented in all FPSs immediately.

3. The time-limit of Notification issued by this Department for use of Aadhaar in PDS under Section-7 of the Aadhaar Act has been extended up to 31.12.2018 vide notification SO No. 4998(E) dated 27.09.2018 to allow those beneficiaries who do not possess an Aadhaar number to obtain the same by making an application to the competent authority. It is therefore required that the State Government, with a sense of urgency, shall step up its efforts to complete the seeding and validation of Aadhaar numbers of remaining beneficiaries before 31st December 2018 and take measures to resolve the issues creating impediments in the implementation of biometric authentication of beneficiaries at all FPSs, immediately.

4. As a next step of systemic reforms, State Government may also consider introduction of intra-State level portability of ration card holders on the lines of the initiatives taken by other States like Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, etc. If required, a team may be sent to these states to study their system for adoption in Chhattisgarh.

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With *regards,*

Yours sincerely,



(S. Jagannathan)

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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt) (E:334477)

Dated the November 02nd, 2018

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With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt) (E:334477)

Dated the November 23, 2018

Dear *Sh. Rochnungurga,*

You are aware that the implementation of the scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations' is being done to bring systemic reforms in the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) in all States/UTs and enable rightful targeting of food subsidy under NFSA.

2. I write to draw your attention towards the following important issues slowing down the reforms process in your State –
- i. With regard to FPS automation, installation of ePoS devices in about 1,252 FPSs is yet to be started in the State. The process for selection of a system integrator/vendor shall be completed and installation of ePoS devices in all FPSs shall be initiated immediately.
 - ii. Computerization of supply chain management, under Component-I of the scheme, is pending in the State, even in the seventh year of the scheme. It is a very critical time when all customizations should have been completed and computerized supply chain operations should have started in all districts/godowns of the State. All issues, including the completion of security audit of FEAST application, which are creating impediments in the implementation of this key activity shall be resolved immediately, as this cannot be delayed any further.
 - iii. Migration of ration cards/beneficiaries data from the erstwhile eRCMS system to latest ePDS/RCMS system is also pending in your State. This is a basic activity and shall not take more than a week if attempted diligently. Security audit of the ePDS/RCMS application shall also be initiated alongside without losing further time.
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(S. Jagannathan)

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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

Dated the November 24, 2018

D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt) (E:334477)

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Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

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D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt) (E:334477)

Dated the November 21st 2018

Dear *Sh. Shilal*,

You are aware that the implementation of the scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations' is being done to bring systemic reforms in the functioning of Public Distribution System (PDS) in all States/UTs and enable rightful targeting of food subsidy under NFSA.

2. I write to draw your attention towards the following important issues slowing down the reforms process in your State –

- i. The automation of Fair Price Shops needs to be completed for all FPSs, as a few FPSs are yet to be installed with ePoS devices. The volume of ePoS based transactions through the automated FPSs is not very significant. As per the data available on the Annavitran portal, it is only about 25% in the month of October 2018 and about 20% in the month of September 2018. Efforts are required to increase the same, as proper functioning of other reforms brought in the by the End-to-End Computerization Scheme are dependent on this activity of critical importance.
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Yours sincerely,



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KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 23(5)/2015- Comp.(pt) (E:334477)

Dated the November 02nd, 2018
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2. I write to draw your attention towards the following important issues slowing down the reforms process in your State –

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