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MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 14(6)/2017-Comp. (Pt.)

Dated: September 30, 2019

Dear *Sir/Madam*,

You are aware that the Annavitran portal developed by this Department in technical association with NIC is envisaged to serve as one-stop MIS and reporting dashboard of Government of India while capturing the complete picture of the allocation and distribution of subsidised foodgrains to the intended beneficiaries in the country, for which the subsidy expenditure is met by this Department from the consolidated fund of India. Amongst various aspects, the monitoring of biometric/Aadhaar authenticated distribution of foodgrains is also a main objective of this portal to ensure rightful targeting of the subsidised foodgrains to the genuinely eligible beneficiaries.

2. Presently, various details/reports including biometric/Aadhaar authenticated distribution of foodgrains allocated to States/UTs under NFSA and distributed to beneficiaries through the Fair Price Shops are appearing on this portal. However, to take this initiative a step forward this Department has upgraded the Annavitran portal to accommodate similar details/reports with respect to the distribution of foodgrains allocated to States/UTs under ICDS, Mid-day Meal, tide-over and 'Other Welfare Scheme' (OWS) like SC/ST/OBC Hostels, Scheme for Adolescent Girls(SAG), and Annapurna, and has requested all States/UTs to ensure the distribution of foodgrains under such schemes also through the installed computers/laptops/ePoS and ensure availability of such distribution details on the upgraded Annavitran portal.

3. Further in this regard, States/UTs were also requested to ensure biometric/Aadhaar authentication of beneficiaries/persons in receipt of the ICDS, Mid-day Meal, tide-over and OWS foodgrains through computers/laptops/ePoS devices and monthly reports thereof shall also be made available on the upgraded Annavitran portal. For the foodgrains distributed directly from the depots/godowns under aforementioned schemes, it was requested to capture the complete transaction data including biometric authentication through computers/ laptops/ ePoS devices while considering such intermediate depots/godowns as notional FPSs.

4. It is understood that though most of the depots/godowns already have computers/ laptops/ ePoS devices installed, it has also been brought to the notice of this Department by some States/UTs that there is non-availability of biometric scanners at such notional FPSs (depots/godowns) to facilitate the biometric authentication of persons in receipt of ICDS, Mid-day Meal, tide-over and OWS foodgrains, and have sought central assistance towards the same.

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5. I would therefore request all States/UTs to make use of any unspent balance or savings accrued under the component head of "Supply Chain Management" of the End-to-End Computerization scheme, as per the State/UT wise estimated requirement of biometric scanners envisaged by this Department (list annexed). Further, if unspent/saved funds are not available then the requisite biometric scanners may please be arranged from State/UT's own resources.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S. Jaganathan)

Encl: As above.

**Pr. Secretary/Secretary
Food & Civil Supplies Department
Government of all States/UTs.**

Sl.	Data - Analytics Infrastructure Estimate		State/UT	Number of Scanners for Godowns for Bio-metric authentication for other welfare schemes for Policy division's requirement	Total Cost (@Rs 2500 per scanner)
	Biometric Scanners for Warehouses				
1			Andaman & Nicobar Islands	5	12,500
2			Andhra Pradesh	412	10,30,000
3			Arunachal Pradesh	10	25,000
4			Assam	963	24,07,500
5			Bihar	432	10,80,000
6			Chandigarh	4	10,000
7			Chhattisgarh	124	3,10,000
8			Dadra & Nagar Haveli	4	10,000
9			Daman & Diu	3	7,500
10			Delhi	10	25,000
11			Goa	12	30,000
12			Gujarat	268	6,70,000
13			Haryana	565	14,12,500
14			Himachal Pradesh	119	2,97,500
15			Jammu & Kashmir	157	3,92,500
16			Jharkhand	205	5,12,500
17			Karnataka	218	5,45,000
18			Kerala	269	6,72,500
19			Lakshadweep	18	45,000
20			Madhya Pradesh	191	4,77,500
21			Maharashtra	648	16,20,000
22			Manipur	20	50,000
23			Meghalaya	306	7,65,000
24			Mizoram	120	3,00,000
25			Nagaland	80	2,00,000
26			Odisha	331	8,27,500
27			Puducherry	4	10,000
28			Punjab	295	7,37,500
29			Rajasthan	343	8,57,500
30			Sikkim	37	92,500
31			Tamil Nadu	710	17,75,000
32			Telangana	440	11,00,000
33			Tripura	251	6,27,500
34			Uttar Pradesh	1,368	34,20,000
35			Uttarakhand	204	5,10,000
36			West Bengal	715	17,87,500
			Total Scanners	9,861	2,46,52,500