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

New Delhi-110001,  
Dated : #ApprovedDate#  
11-11-2021

To,

Pr. Secretary/ Secretary,  
Food and Civil supplies Department  
All States/UTs

Subject: Webinar on 'India's journey in PDS reforms to ensure food Security' for commemoration of 75 Years of India's Independence (Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav) - reg.

Sir,

You may be aware that Government of India and all State Governments/ UT administrations are celebrating Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav to commemorate 75 years of India's Independence.

2. As part of these celebrations, this Department in partnership with United Nations World Food Programme is holding a Webinar on 'India's journey in PDS reforms to ensure food Security' on 15th Nov 2021 from 11:00 am to 12:10 pm. The webinar aims to highlight the unique journey & accomplishments of the country in field of in PDS reforms to ensure food Security'.

3. It is requested to kindly make it convenient to attend the above-mentioned webinar along with other Officers of the state government. The webinar agenda is provided in the Annexure. The weblink for the event will be shared soon.

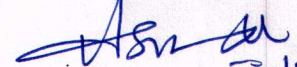
4. The webinar will be also streamed live in the YouTube channel of this Department for the benefit of wider audience. Since this is an excellent opportunity to learn about the journey and achievements of the country in the field of food security from eminent speakers, it is requested to nominate 8-10 persons per district to view the webinar from the below weblink to access the departments' YouTube channel.

Department's You Tube channels link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaL9ky8Ao1e8OKpcS\\_H55dg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCaL9ky8Ao1e8OKpcS_H55dg)

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

  
(Ashok Kumar) 11/11/21

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- 2.PS to Secretary (FPD)

**FINAL AGENDA FOR WEBINAR ON  
'INDIA'S JOURNEY IN PDS REFORMS TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY'  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

Time	Topic	Speakers
11:00 AM – 11:10 AM	<b>Introduction and Context setting</b>	<b>Sh. Eric Kenefick,</b> Deputy Country Director, UNWFP India
11:10 AM – 11:20 AM	<b>Journey of technology based PDS reforms in India and its impact.</b> <i>Impact of what has happened ? and what is coming ?</i>	<b>Sh. S. Jagannathan,</b> Joint Secretary, DoFPD
11:20 AM – 11:30 AM	<b>India's experience in ensuring food-security during COVID-19 crisis</b> <i>Lessons from India's food safety nets &amp; response to COVID-19</i>	<b>Sh. Bishow Parajuli,</b> Country Director, UNWFP India
11:30 AM – 11:40 AM	<b>Supply chain reforms &amp; innovations for further addressing food wastage and storage losses</b> <i>Challenges &amp; opportunities</i>	<b>Sh. Atish Chandra,</b> CMD FCI.
11:40 AM – 11:50 AM	<b>Role of Operations Research, Artificial intelligence, and other new technologies in transformation of TPDS</b> <i>How do we further capitalise on the reforms ? What next ?</i>	<b>Prof. S.G. Deshmukh</b> HoD, Mechanical Engineering IIT Delhi
11:50 PM – 12:05 PM	<b>Q&amp;A session</b>	
12:05 AM – 12:10 PM	<b>Closing remarks</b> <i>Conclude webinar, Summarise and next steps</i>	<b>Ms. Jyotsna Gupta,</b> Deputy Secretary, DoFPD
<b>Moderated by</b> <b>Sh. Eric Kenefick, Deputy Country Director, UNWFP India</b>		