

Reminder

F.No.23(5)/2015-Comp.Cell (E:330469)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
Department of Food & Public Distribution  
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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated: 08.02.2022

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,  
Food and Civil Supplies Department  
(All States/UTs).

Subject:- Registration of FPSs in PM-WANI – reg.

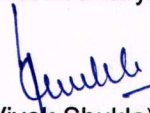
Madam/Sir,

Kindly refer to Secretary (DFPD)'s DO letter of even no. dated 28-Dec-2021 regarding launch of "PM-WANI" by Department of Telecom to proliferate broadband through Public Wi-Fi networks. It was requested to leverage the initiative of PM-WANI towards improving the FPS viability, wherein FPSs can function as a Public Data Office (PDO) and may be able to earn extra income from selling the internet services (copy enclosed).

2. It is, therefore, once again requested to direct the concerned officers to get in touch with the concerned Circle offices of the Department of Telecommunications to generate awareness about this initiative amongst the FPS dealers to get themselves registered as PDO, wherever feasible. Report of action taken may be sent to this Department by 18.02.2022.

Encl: As above.

Yours faithfully,

  
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SUDHANSHU PANDEY  
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As you are aware that this Department is providing subsidised foodgrains to around 80 crore beneficiaries across the country through 5.3 lakh Fair Price Shops (FPSs). Many technological interventions have been made to prevent leakages. Simultaneously, it has been our endeavour to improve the profitability of these FPSs to ensure that these shops remain viable and vibrant offering multitude of services and improved beneficiary experience. In this regard, in coordination with States/UTs, various initiatives have been undertaken by this Department so as to provide new business avenues to FPS dealers

2. Kindly recall our discussion regarding "PM-WANI" which has been launched by your department to proliferate broadband through Public Wi-Fi networks. This initiative can be leveraged towards improving the FPS viability, wherein at least 40%-50% FPS can function as a Public Data Office under PM-WANI and may be able to earn extra income from selling the internet services. This will also greatly help in bringing the yet uncovered and remote areas under the digital framework.

3. I, therefore, request you to advise concerned Circle offices to get in touch with the State Food & Supplies Departments to generate awareness about this initiative amongst the FPS dealers and guide them to register themselves as PDO wherever feasible. I am also advising State Food Secretaries to approach telecom officers in the state Capitals to hold preliminary discussions to explore real opportunities.

With regards and season's greetings,

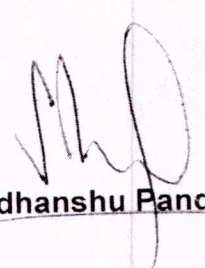
Yours sincerely,

Sd/-  
(Sudhanshu Pandey)

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Copy to:

- (i) The Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs (As per list attached).
- (ii) The Advisers to the Administrators of UTs (As per list attached).



(Sudhanshu Pandey)