

S. JAGANNATHAN, IRTS
23382956 (Office)
23097028 (Fax)
Email: jspd.fpd@nic.in



संयुक्त सचिव
भारत सरकार
उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय
खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग
कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली - 110001
JOINT SECRETARY
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 4(2)/2016-Com(Vol.II)

Dated the February 14, 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

With the aim of modernizing and bringing about systemic reforms in the functioning of the Public Distribution System (PDS) across the country, this Department, in collaboration with all States/UTs is implementing a scheme on 'End-to-End Computerization of PDS Operations' on a cost-sharing basis. The scheme was introduced under the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) and its validity has already been extended twice by the Government of India, up to 31st March 2019, to allow the State/UT Governments to complete all pending activities under the scheme.

2. In spite of the two year extension to the Scheme, some States/UTs are still in the process of completing all of the Scheme's component activities. This has also resulted in backlog in the expenditure under the Scheme. Therefore, a proposal for a further extension of the scheme's validity up to 31st March 2020 is under consideration of the Government of India. In view of this, I would suggest that, in anticipation of a year's extension to the Scheme till March, 2020, State/UTs concerned may take necessary action to secure the requisite budgetary provisions in the Scheme for the year 2019-20 so that the balance of the State/UT's matching share is readily available for expenditure. Additionally, all the due Utilization Certificates may also be submitted expeditiously.

3. I would also request you to kindly review the component/activity/head-wise utilization of funds under the scheme, and in case, the State/UT is able to identify any saved funds under a component (after completing all of the activities therein) for some other activity/head under the respective component, a detailed proposal may be sent to this Department for further action.

4. In view of the above, States/UTs concerned are, therefore, requested to send their plan of action/strategy for utilizing the funds under the Scheme for the year 2019-20 to this Department, latest by 25th February 2019.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(S Jagannathan)

Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Administration/Government of – All States/UTs