

Launch of Inter-State Portability of Ration Card Holders in Two Clusters of Two-adjointing States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana and Gujarat & Maharashtra

Towards achieving national level portability, to allow the migratory ration card holders/beneficiaries to lift their entitled foodgrains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) of their choice in the state of migration, the Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution has launched the **inter-State portability** in two clusters of two adjoining States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana and Gujarat & Maharashtra with effect from August' 2019.

2. To sustain the reforms brought in by the ongoing scheme of 'End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations' and to introduce new reforms in the distribution of subsidised foodgrains, the Department with technical support of NIC, is targeting implementation of nation-wide portability in distribution of foodgrains to the beneficiaries covered under National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) without the need of obtaining a new ration card through '**One Nation One Ration Card**' System.
3. Installation of electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices at Fair Price Shops (FPSs) is the main enabler of portability of ration card holders, supported by the biometric/Aadhaar authentication.
4. More than 4.1 lakh (77%) ePoS devices are already operational across the country. 25 States/UTs have either completed the installation in all FPSs or having significant progress in this area. Further, more than 85% ration cards (at least one member) in the country have been seeded with the Aadhaar numbers of the beneficiaries.
5. Having leveraged the progress under Computerization scheme, 11 States/UT of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura have implemented the intra-State portability of ration card holders to lift the entitled foodgrains from any FPS within the State. Inter-State portability shall be introduced in these 11 States by **1st January 2020**.
6. Thereafter, it is envisaged that all other States/UTs having attained requisite readiness for inter-State portability, shall be integrated in a phased manner thereby, enabling nation-wide portability of ration card holders to receive subsidised foodgrains under NFSA from anywhere in the country by **1st June 2020**. This initiative shall be helpful for large migratory population of the country who migrate from one part of the country to other in search of job/employment, marriage, or any other reason and cannot access subsidised foodgrains in the present system.

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