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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

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Dear Sir/Madam,

You are aware that this Department has setup a 'Central Repository' of all ration cards/beneficiaries' data to facilitate the continuous national level de-duplication to avoid duplication of beneficiaries anywhere in the country for rightful targeting of food subsidy by correctly identifying the actual number of genuine beneficiaries/households in the country besides supporting the nation-wide portability of ration card holders under NFSA. Further, this repository would also ensure that new ration cards/beneficiaries are added only after proper de-duplication through the central repository.

2. On the basis of available data in the central repository, the de-duplication results being obtained are suggesting that many duplicate beneficiaries exist within same States/UTs as well as across different States/UTs. Thus, completion of de-duplication activity covering data of all the States/UTs is necessary. But so far, complete data has been shared with central repository only by some States/UTs, whereas many States/UTs have shared incomplete/partial data of some beneficiaries. **2 States of Chhattisgarh and Bihar have shared negligible data and 5 States of Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya have not shared any information/data so far** despite numerous follow-ups by this Department/NIC which is highly concerning. A State/UT-wise status of data availability is annexed.

3. It is also highlighted that the central repository will be continuously updated on a monthly basis through the key register of households/beneficiaries maintained by the respective State/UT.

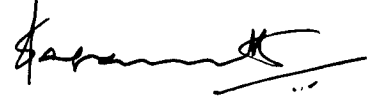
4. It may be noted that the central repository would also form the basis for verifying beneficiary numbers in the AAY/PHH category in each State/UT for estimating the monthly foodgrains allocation under NFSA. It is therefore important that all States/UTs maintain a complete and updated database of all ration cards/beneficiaries in the central repository.

5. I would therefore request the above-mentioned States to immediately share their complete ration cards/beneficiaries' data with the central repository latest by 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019 without fail to avoid any inconvenience with regard to the allocation of food grains in the near future.

6. In case any technical support is required, State nodal officers may kindly coordinate with Sh. BVC Rao, Sr. Technical Director & HoD, NIC at [bvcrao@nic.in](mailto:bvcrao@nic.in) / 9958402296.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(S. Jagannathan)

**Principal Secretary/Secretary,  
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All States/UTs.**

Copy to:

1. Economic Advisor ,NFSA, DFPD, Krishi Bhawan,
2. Shri BVC Rao, Sr. Technical Director & HoD, NIC HQ, New Delhi with a request to circulate all concerned NIC officers for necessary action at their end immediately

**ANNEXURE****State/UT-wise status of data availability in central repository:**

Sl.	States/UTs	Total No. of NFSA Ration Cards	Total No. of NFSA Beneficiaries	Data Received (No. of Beneficiaries)	% Data Received	Remarks
1	Gujarat	66,34,078	3,28,81,209	3,31,41,882	100.8%	Data received
2	Nagaland	2,82,471	13,70,128	13,94,089	101.7%	Data received
3	Odisha	86,41,661	3,15,93,276	3,21,20,533	101.7%	Data received
4	Sikkim	94,279	3,78,254	3,81,185	100.8%	Data received
5	Tripura	5,78,894	24,42,936	24,42,348	100.0%	Data received
6	Andaman & Nicobar	14,524	54,507	54,389	99.8%	Incomplete/Partial data
7	Chandigarh	70,363	3,03,659	3,02,815	99.7%	Incomplete/Partial data
8	Andhra Pradesh	92,45,721	2,68,57,590	2,67,77,620	99.7%	Incomplete/Partial data
9	Daman & Diu	19,995	76,590	76,132	99.4%	Incomplete/Partial data
10	Puducherry	1,77,792	6,33,938	6,29,547	99.3%	Incomplete/Partial data
11	Lakshadweep	5,155	22,163	21,884	98.7%	Incomplete/Partial data
12	Jammu & Kashmir	16,76,467	73,62,424	72,68,014	98.7%	Incomplete/Partial data
13	Dadra & N Haveli	45,465	2,10,469	2,07,321	98.5%	Incomplete/Partial data
14	Delhi	17,35,655	70,13,710	69,06,148	98.5%	Incomplete/Partial data
15	Telangana	53,20,957	1,91,86,755	1,87,71,829	97.8%	Incomplete/Partial data
16	Manipur	5,90,336	24,79,863	24,16,177	97.4%	Incomplete/Partial data
17	Jharkhand	57,11,503	2,63,15,964	2,54,11,274	96.6%	Incomplete/Partial data
18	Maharashtra	1,48,96,124	6,76,01,606	6,49,60,159	96.1%	Incomplete/Partial data
19	Himachal Pradesh	6,82,651	28,20,331	27,05,410	95.9%	Incomplete/Partial data
20	Madhya Pradesh	1,17,47,674	5,46,24,268	5,23,15,543	95.8%	Incomplete/Partial data
21	Uttar Pradesh	3,55,87,363	14,04,95,557	13,37,18,160	95.2%	Incomplete/Partial data
22	Haryana	26,98,547	1,18,29,073	1,12,08,347	94.8%	Incomplete/Partial data
23	Uttarakhand	13,29,690	61,58,448	58,02,076	94.2%	Incomplete/Partial data
24	Kerala	36,84,050	1,54,16,302	1,43,26,078	92.9%	Incomplete/Partial data
25	Punjab	35,52,509	1,37,97,454	1,25,17,019	90.7%	Incomplete/Partial data
26	Goa	1,41,824	5,43,708	4,92,007	90.5%	Incomplete/Partial data
27	Mizoram	1,49,235	6,68,608	6,01,316	89.9%	Incomplete/Partial data
28	Karnataka	1,25,79,037	4,22,82,296	3,65,44,415	86.4%	Incomplete/Partial data
29	Rajasthan	1,08,19,194	4,81,80,931	3,74,02,513	77.6%	Incomplete/Partial data
30	Chhattisgarh	52,82,966	2,01,34,985	16,91,739	8.4%	Negligible data
31	Bihar	1,65,45,566	8,63,75,646	13,35,176	1.5%	Negligible data
32	Tamil Nadu	1,01,07,244	3,29,68,066	3,246	0.0%	No data received
33	West Bengal	5,63,43,718	6,01,88,647	2	0.0%	No data received
34	Arunachal Pradesh	1,77,607	8,43,930		0.0%	No data received
35	Assam	57,85,972	2,48,91,546		0.0%	No data received
36	Meghalaya	4,21,277	21,45,262		0.0%	No data received