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

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To

Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department of Food & Civil Supplies
All States/UTs.

Subject: Monthly distribution of foodgrains to migrant and other NFSA beneficiaries through Fair Price Shops using ePoS devices – reg.

Sir/Madam,

You are aware that under TPDS some States/UTs are following their own distribution cycles and calendars for delivery of subsidised foodgrains to NFSA beneficiaries. Due to this practice, the migrant beneficiaries in these States/UTs may be facing difficulties in accessing their foodgrains through One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan because of the variations in the distribution cycles and may miss upon their food security entitlements as they may not be aware of such distribution arrangements of the destination State/UT. Further, it is highlighted that the migrant beneficiaries may need foodgrains on a monthly basis owing to either shorter span of stay in the destination State/UT or financial/other challenges to lift more foodgrains than required at a time.

2. It is therefore suggested that all State/UTs may enable the distribution of foodgrains through FPSs on all working days of the month for the benefit of migrant NFSA beneficiaries, as well as for other desirous beneficiaries. This shall be helpful in ensuring availability of foodgrains at any time of the month besides unburdening the beneficiaries from lifting more than required foodgrains at a time. **It is suggested that regardless of the periodicity of distribution in the State/UT, FPSs shall open on all working days every month especially in districts and areas where migrant workers concentration is high. Adequate publicity needs to be made by the States in this regard, so that migrant NFSA beneficiaries may avail ration through portability under ONORC with flexibility. A clear plan of action shall be reviewed with the State/UT Governments in VC next month.**

3. In this regard, it is requested to also sensitise the FPS dealers and ensure availability of foodgrains at the FPSs besides reporting monthly distribution details on Annavitran portal. Regular awareness generation among the masses may be carried out so that maximum beneficiaries may take advantage of monthly distribution cycle for NFSA foodgrains.

4. In case any technical support is required to incorporate monthly distribution cycles in ePoS software, the State/UT may also reach out to the central NIC team.

Yours faithfully,

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