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Government of India
Department of Food & Public Distribution
(Computerization Cell)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated: 06/07/2021

To

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

Subject: Utilisation of savings under 'Food Security (Assistance to State Governments) (Amendment) Rules, 2021' for integration of electronic weighing scales with ePoS devices – reg.

Sir/Madam,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the Notification of this Department dated 18th June 2021 (copy enclosed) and to inform that – this Department in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (e) of sub-section (2) of section 39 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (20 of 2013), has made an amendment in the “Food Security (Assistance to State Governments) Rules, 2015” framed under the Act, allowing the States/UTs to utilise the savings accrued, if any, under the Additional Dealer Margin for integration of electronic weighing machines/scales with the ePoS devices.

2. It is highlighted that the sub-rule (2) of rule 7 of the now called 'The Food Security (Assistance to State Governments) (Amendment) Rules, 2021', may now be read as under:

“The additional dealer margin provided in sub-rule (1) is towards the cost of purchase, operations and maintenance of the point of sale devices, its running expenses and incentive for its use **and any savings if accrued could be utilized for purchase, operations and maintenance of electronic weighing scales and their integration with the Point of Sale device.**”

3. All States/UTs may therefore utilise the above provision in the amended rules under NFSA, to further strengthen the PDS reforms and transparency in foodgrain distribution by integrating the electronic weighing machines/scales with ePoS devices at all FPSs under their respective jurisdictions.

Yours faithfully,
Encl.: As above.

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