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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Department of Food and Public Distribution

R. No. 275, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -110001 Dated the 7th March, 2019

To

Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department of Food & Civil Supplies,
All State/UT Governments.

Subject: Plan scheme on End-to-End computerization of TPDS operations – extension of the scheme by one year up to 31-03-2020.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the plan scheme on "End-to-End Computerization of TPDS Operations" had been approved by the Government for implementation during the 12th Plan period (2012-2017) on cost sharing basis with States/UTs was extended up to 31.03.2019 without increasing the project cost. Due to certain constraints, some States/UTs have not been able to complete some key activities of component-I of the scheme i.e. Digitization of ration cards as per Meta Data & Data Standards (MDDS) including completion of Aadhaar seeding for all ration cards and beneficiaries, ensuring of online Allocation of food grains while accounting for closing balances at all FPSs, Completion of Supply Chain Management & FPS automation in all States/UTs, operationalisation of 1967 toll-free helpline number in all States/UTs, integration state portals with central MIS Dashboards etc. To enable the States/UTs, to complete all pending activities within the approved project cost, it has been decided to extend validity of the scheme by another period of one year i.e. up to 31-03-2020. No further extension would be allowed.

2. Conditions for release of central share of financial assistance are given below:

First Installment of Central Share:

- (i) Submission of State specific proposal as per template provided by DoF&PD
- (ii) Signing of MoU between State/UT and DoF&PD
- (iii) Setting up of institutional mechanism of State/UT level i.e. formation of State Apex Committee and SPeMT.
- (iv) Furnishing of Utilization Certificates (UCs) by States/UTs concerned for funds released under the two pilot schemes.

Second Installment of Central Share:

(i) Submission of Utilization Certificate (UCs) to the extent of 60% of the funds released by D/o F&PD as first installment.

- (ii) Release of matching funds i.e. 60% of States/UTs share.
- (iii) Operationalisation of following component envisaged under the scheme across the State.
 - (a) Complete digitalization of beneficiary and other databases.
 - (b) Online allocation of foodgrains up to FPS level based on the digitized beneficiaries data
 - (c) Setting up of Transparency Portal and
 - (d) Grievance redressal mechanism.
- (iv) Security audit of state portal through STQC or any agency empanelled by CERT-In.

Third (final) Installment of Central Share

- (i) Submission of consolidated Utilization Certificate (UCs) of the funds released by DoF&PD as first/second installment of Central share duly supported by annual audited statement of Accounts.
- (ii) Release of balance matching funds i.e. 40% of State/UT share.
- (iii) Completion of all activities under supply-chain management.
- (iv) Quality certification of the portal by any agency empanelled by CERT-In.
- (v) Compliance of data formats used in the portal to be validated by NIC.
- (vi) Assessment of the scheme as per Do F&PD's guidelines/instructions.
- 3. Proposal for release of central share of financial assistance for 2nd/3rd installments for completion of activities under the plan scheme may be furnished along with status of fulfillment of conditions mentioned in para 2 above along with relevant documents.

Yours faithfully,

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