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To.

The Principal Secretary/Secretary, Food and Civil Supply Department, [All States/UTs]

Subject: Ensuring regular supply of foodgrains to all eligible beneficiaries in the flood affected areas-reg.

Sir/Madam,

Due to heavy rainfall over the last few days/weeks some States are witnessing floods and a large number of people have been affected. Concerned State Governments are undertaking relief and rescue work where the humanitarian agencies in the respective states are also supplementing the efforts of the State Governments. In this difficult and crucial time when the country is already facing disruptions due to Covid-19 situation, it is essential that people, particularly the poor and vulnerable section of the society should not suffer due to non-availability of foodgrains.

- 2. Besides the distribution of regular foodgrains under NFSA, to ameliorate the hardships of poor and needy beneficiaries during the time of Covid-19 crisis, this Department has allocated additional foodgrains for free-of-cost distribution at the scale of 5 Kg. per person per month to all NFSA beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) for up to the month of November 2020. Similarly, to mitigate the food security plight of migrants/stranded migrants across the country, free-of-cost foodgrains are being distributed to all such persons who are neither covered under NFSA nor any State PDS scheme under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat Scheme up to 31st August 2020.
- 3. Considering the significance of timely availability of foodgrains with all needy persons/families, all flood affected States are advised to make special effort to ensure regular supply of subsidised / free foodgrains under NFSA / PMGKAY / ANBS to all eligible beneficiaries / migrant persons in the flood affected areas/regions.
- 4. All concerned State Governments are therefore requested to take every possible step to gear up the distribution mechanism, and, resources as required may be deployed to ensure distribution of foodgrains to all eligible beneficiaries under NFSA as well as other special packages so that the people of the country do not suffer for want of the foodgrains.

Yours faithfully,

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