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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 18th April, 2022

To,

The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,
Department of Food and Civil Supplies,
All States /UTs.

Subject: Administrative approval for "Supply of Fortified Rice throughout the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and in Other Welfare Schemes of Government of India in all States and Union Territories (UTs) in a phased manner- reg.

Sir /Madam,

As you are aware, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in his address on the 75th Independence Day (15th August, 2021) made an announcement on providing nutrition to every poor person in the country.

2. In pursuance of the above announcement, a draft CCEA Note on supply of fortified rice throughout the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and in Other Welfare Schemes of Government of India in all States and Union Territories (UTs) by 2024 in a phased manner was circulated to all States and UTs and line Ministries/Departments for providing comments/inputs in the matter. On the basis of the inputs received from various stakeholders, the final CCEA Note was submitted for consideration and approval of Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs.

3. In order to achieve uniform nutritional impact of fortified rice among the targeted population, the Government of India has approved the proposal to supply fortified rice through the FCI and State Agencies in the entire TPDS and Other Welfare Schemes (OWS) including ICDS and PM POSHAN covering all the States and Union Territories in a phased manner.

4. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) in its meeting held on 7th April 2022 approved the following proposals in the CCEA Note-

(i) "The proposal for supply of fortified rice treating it as a Central Sector Initiative which is to be funded 100% by the Government of India as part of food subsidy in the form of incidental in the Cost sheet for the period upto 30th June, 2024. Thereafter, a review may be undertaken regarding the cost-sharing pattern of this initiative. The complete implementation of the initiative throughout the country in a phased manner is envisaged below:

Phase-I: Covering ICDS and PM POSHAN in India all over by March, 2022 with a proposed cost of ₹266.91 Cr. (to be borne by Ministry of Women and Child Development & Department of School Education and Literacy respectively for the financial year 2021-22).

Phase-II: Phase I above plus TPDS and OWS in all Aspirational and High Burden Districts on stunting (total 291 districts) (**Lists attached**) by March 2023 with a proposed cost of ₹1323.38 Cr. (To be part of food subsidy bill of this Department).

Phase-III: Phase II above plus covering the remaining districts of the country by March, 2024 onwards with a proposed annual cost of ₹2679.47 Cr. (To be part of food subsidy bill of this Department)

(ii) The cost of the initiative (Incremental cost plus other administrative and contingency cost) after 30th June, 2024 and its sharing, if any, shall depend on the review as proposed vide Para 4 (i) above.

(iii) Concurrent Evaluation: An effective mechanism for concurrent evaluation shall be put in place using Base-line/Mid-line/End-line data on concurrent basis”.

5. Quality Assurance and Quality Control is an important component of the initiative which is embedded in the provisions for strict adherence of QA & QC protocols in rice fortification as per SOP issued by this Department vide letter No. 36-5/2018-QCC (Part) dated 15th March 2022). However, detailed guidelines shall also be issued on this aspect separately.

6. In order to ensure that above phase- wise targets are achieved in time, all the States are requested to ensure that supply of fortified rice under NFSA and in Other Welfare Scheme as per the implementation schedule mentioned at Para 4 above duly adhering to Quality Assurance and Quality Control in terms of SoP issued by the Department.

7. FCI is already engaged in making the necessary arrangements for the roll out of fortified rice as per the schedule in all phases all over the country.

8. The States/UTs should also ensure that all efforts are made to achieve the respective targets well in advance, leaving no scope for delay. It is advisable to initiate preparatory action well in advance so that the target for the year 2023-24 is also achieved in time.

9. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

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List of 112 Aspirational Districts

S.No.	State	District
1	Andhra Pradesh (3 Districts)	Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Y.S.R. Kadapa
2	Arunachal Pradesh (1 Districts)	Namsai
3	Assam (7 Districts)	Goalpara, Barpeta, Hailakandi, Baksa, Darrang, Udalguri, Dhubri
4	Bihar (13 Districts)	Sitamarhi, Araria, Purnia, Katihar, Muzafarpur, Begusarai, Khagaria, Banka, Sheikhpura, Aurangabad, Gaya, Nawada, Jamui
5	Chhattisgarh (10 Districts)	Korba, Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund, Kanker, Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur, Bastar, Kondagaon, Sukma
6	Gujarat (2 Districts)	Dahod, Narmada
7	Haryana (1 Districts)	Mewat
8	Himachal Pradesh (1 Districts)	Chamba
9	Jammu & Kashmir (2 Districts)	Kupwara, Baramula
10	Jharkhand (19 Districts)	Garhwa, Chatra, Giridih, Godda, Sahibganj, Pakur, Bokaro, Lohardaga, Purbi Singhbhum, Palamu, Latehar, Hazaribagh, Ramgarh, Dumka, Ranchi, Khunti, Gumla, Simdega, Pashchimi Singhbhum
11	Karnataka (2 Districts)	Raichur, Yadgir
12	Kerala (1 District)	Wayanad
13	Madhya Pradesh (8 Districts)	Chhatarpur, Damoh, Barwani, Rajgarh, Vidisha, Guna, Singrauli, Khandwa
14	Maharashtra (4 Districts)	Nandurbar, Washim, Gadchiroli, Osmanabad
15	Manipur (1 District)	Chandel
16	Meghalaya (1 District)	Ribhoi
17	Mizoram (1 District)	Mamit
18	Nagaland (1 District)	Kiphire
19	Odisha (10 Districts)	Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Kandhamal, Balangir, Kalahandi, Rayagada, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nawarangpur, Nuapada
20	Punjab (2 Districts)	Moga, Ferozpur

21	Rajasthan (5 Districts)	Dholpur, Karauli, Jaisalmer, Sirohi, Baran
22	Sikkim (1 District)	West Sikkim
23	Tamil Nadu (2 Districts)	Virudhunagar, Ramanathapuram
24	Telangana (3 Districts)	Asifabad, Bhopalapalli, Bhadradi - Kothagudem
25	Tripura (1 District)	Dhalai
26	Uttar Pradesh (8 Districts)	Chitrakoot, Fatehpur, Bahraich, Shrawasti, Balrampur, Siddharthnagar, Chandauli, Sonbhadra
27	Uttarakhand (2 Districts)	Udham Singh Nagar, Haridwar

List of 250 High Burden Districts on Stunting (NFHS – 4 data)

S. No.	State	Districts
1	Uttar Pradesh (60 Districts)	Bahraich, Balrampur, Shrawasti, Gonda, Siddharthnagar, Sitapur, Fatehpur, Kanshiram Nagar, Kheri, Faizabad, Budaun, Maharajganj, Mahamaya Nagar, Pilibhit, Etawah, Chitrakoot, Sant Kabir Nagar, Etah, Aligarh, Bara Banki, Hardoi, Unnao, Shahjahanpur, Sant Ravidas Nagar, Sonbhadra, Kannauj, Jaunpur, Mainpuri, Moradabad, Basti, Bulandshahr, Kaushambi, Banda, Allahabad, Bareilly, Farrukhabad, Rampur, Jyotiba Phule Nagar, Jalaun, Chandauli, Ambedkar Nagar, Agra, Kushinagar, Kanpur Dehat, Mathura, Gorakhpur, Firozabad, Bijnor, Varanasi, Ballia, Kanpur Nagar, Auraiya, Pratapgarh(UP), Lalitpur, Ghazipur, Deoria, Mahoba, Hamirpur(UP), Muzaffarnagar, Mirzapur.
2	Jharkhand (19 Districts)	Pashchimi Singhbhum, Godda, Pakur, Sahibganj, Hazaribagh, Gumla, Giridih, Chatra, Latehar, Palamu, Deoghar, Jamtara, Garhwa, Ramgarh, Ranchi, Kodarma, Simdega, Lohardaga, Saraikela Kharsawan.
3	Karnataka (13 Districts)	Koppal, Yadgir, Gulbarga, Bellary, Bidar, Bagalkot, Bijapur(Karnataka), Haveri, Uttara Kannada, Chikkaballapura, Gadag, Shimoga, Davanagere.
4	Bihar (36 Districts)	Sitamarhi, Gaya, Purnia, Vaishali, Nalanda, Sheohar, Madhepura, Kaimur (Bhabua), Supaul, Madhubani, Jehanabad, Banka, Aurangabad(BH), Khagaria, Sheikhpura, Lakhisarai, Nawada, Arwal, Kishanganj, Rohtas, Munger, Bhagalpur, Buxar, Jamui, Araria, Muzaffarpur, Samastipur, Katihar, Purba Champaran, Saharsa, Darbhanga, Pashchim Champaran, Bhojpur, Begusarai, Saran, Patna.
5	Rajasthan (15 Districts)	Dhaulpur, Udaipur, Dungarpur, Banswara, Bharatpur, Pratapgarh (RJ), Pali, Baran, Sirohi, Jalor, Karauli, Jodhpur, Rajsamand, Alwar, Nagaur.
6	Chhattisgarh (9 Districts)	Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Bijapur(Cht), Dakshin Bastar, Dantewada, Mahasamund, Bastar, Kabirdham, Uttar Bastar Kanker, Raigarh (Cht).
7	Gujarat (14 District)	Narmada, Anand, Banaskantha, Valsad, Bhavnagar, Vadodara, Kheda, Kachchh, Dohad, The Dangs, Surendranagar, Sabarkantha, Patan, Navsari.

8	Madhya Pradesh (29 Districts)	Sheopur, Shajapur, Tikamgarh, Dindori, Burhanpur, Shivpuri, Bhind, Khargone (West Nimar), Barwani, Morena, Bhopal, Datia, Raisen, Damoh, Dhar, Alirajpur, Jhabua, Vidisha, Panna, Sidhi, Guna, Umaria, Sagar, Katni, Gwalior, Ratlam, Khandwa (East Nimar), Harda, Shahdol.
9	Haryana (4 Districts)	Mewat, Sonipat, Panipat, Gurgaon.
10	Meghalaya (4 Districts)	Ri Bhoi, Jaintia Hills, East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills.
11	Odisha (13 Districts)	Kendujhar, Subarnapur, Malkangiri, Balangir, Rayagada, Baudh, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangapur, Sambalpur, Koraput, Nuapada, Kandhamal, Kalahandi.
12	Maharashtra (13 Districts)	Parbhani, Nashik, Nandurbar, Jalna, Thane, Yavatmal, Washim, Nanded, Akola, Aurangabad(MH), Osmanabad, Buldana, Hingoli.
13	Assam (7 Districts)	Dhubri, Goalpara, Chirang, Udalguri, Barpeta, Cachar, Darrang.
14	West Bengal (4 Districts)	Birbhum, Puruliya, Murshidabad, Uttar Dinajpur.
15	Sikkim (1 District)	West Sikkim.
16	Jammu and Kashmir (2 Districts)	Udhampur, Kargil.
17	Dadra and Nagar Haveli (1 District)	Dadra and Nagar Haveli.
18	Andhra Pradesh (3 Districts)	Kurnool, Anantapur, Vizianagaram.
19	Arunachal Pradesh (2 Districts)	Tirap, East Kameng.
20	Telangana (1 District)	Adilabad.