Office Memorandum

Subject: Constitution of Empowered Committee (EC) for Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

In the meeting of the Apex Committee on National e-Governance Plan (NeGP) held on 29.07.2011 under the Chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary, it was decided to include four new Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) under the NeGP out of which, one is Computerisation of the Public Distribution System (PDS). The Operational Guidelines on NeGP, Guidelines on Strategic Control and Guidelines on Dedicated Project Team were received from Department of Information Technology, vide letter no. 9(5)/2011-EG-II dated 26.08.2011. Further, the Hon’ble Supreme Court, in its order dated 14.09.2011, has given directions for end-to-end computerisation of PDS covering all States/UTs in a time bound manner.

2. In pursuance of the above, the undersigned is directed to inform that the Department of Food & Public Distribution (DoF&PD) has decided to constitute an Empowered Committee (EC) for Computerization of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

3. The composition of the Empowered Committee (EC) is as follows:
   i. Secretary, DoF&PD – Chairman.
   ii. Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, DoF&PD.
   iii. Chairman cum Managing Director, FCI.
   iv. Joint Secretary (DP,PD), DoF&PD.
   v. Joint Secretary (Computerisation), DoF&PD.
   vi. Representative of D/o Information Technology (not below rank of Joint Secretary).
   vii. Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC).
   viii. Food Secretaries of States/UTs, namely, Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Meghalaya and West Bengal.
   ix. Any other member as deemed fit by the Chairman.

4. The Terms of Reference of the Empowered Committee (EC) are as follows:
   a) Overall guidance for Computerisation of TPDS.
   b) Decisions on policy matters.
   c) Approval of all deliverables relating to TPDS Computerisation by various agencies/groups.
d) Reviewing, guiding and monitoring the projects on a regular basis to ensure timely implementation.

e) According financial approvals ( Necessary financial delegation to be approved by the Cabinet as a part of overall scheme approval).

f) Any other issue as may be taken up by the EC.

Yours faithfully,

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To

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4. CMD, FCI, New Delhi
5. DG, National Informatics Centre (NIC), Lodhi Road Complex, New Delhi.
6. Secretary (Food), Government of Andhra Pradesh.
7. Principle Secretary (Food), Government of Chhattisgarh.
8. Secretary (Food), Government of Gujarat.
9. Principle Secretary (Food), Government of Meghalaya.
10. Principle Secretary (Food), Government of West Bengal.

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1) PS to Secretary, DoT&PD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
2) PS to Joint Secretary (Computerisation), DoF&PD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.