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Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Department of Food and Public Distribution

(NFSA Division)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 28.10.2020

To

Principal Secretary/ Secretary,
Department of Food and Civil Supplies,
(All States/UTs)

Subject: Inclusion of lepers/ persons suffering from leprosy under the National Food Security Act, 2013-reg.

Madam/ Sir,

Section 38 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) mandates that the Central Government may from time to time give directions to the State Governments as it may consider necessary for effective implementation of the provisions of the Act and the State Government shall comply with such directions.

2. Section 10 of the National Food Security Act, 2013 states that the State Government shall, within the number of persons determined under section 9 for the rural and urban areas, identify—

(a) the households to be covered under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana to the extent specified under sub-section (1) of section 3, in accordance with the guidelines applicable to the said scheme;

(b) the remaining households as priority households to be covered under the Targeted Public Distribution System, in accordance with such guidelines as the State Government may specify.

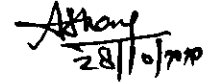
3. It has come into notice of this Department that in some cases the lepers/ persons suffering from leprosy have not been identified as beneficiaries under the NFSA, resulting in deprivation of their entitlement under the Act. In this regard, all the States/UTs are directed to ensure that all the lepers are identified as beneficiaries and covered for receiving their entitlement as prescribed under the Act, as per the eligibility criteria of the States/UTs. A

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database in this regard may also be maintained separately and a **monthly compliance report** along with number of beneficiaries covered and measures taken to identify these beneficiaries may be emailed at monika.singh@gov.in / abhay.fpd@nic.in. This may be treated with utmost priority.

4. This issues with the approval of Secretary, DFPD.

Yours sincerely,



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