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कृषि भवन, नई दिल्ली - 110001
GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,
FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
KRISHI BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110001

D.O. No. 9-6/2010-PD-II/Vol.V

5th October, 2017

Dear *Madam/Sir,*

Please refer to the quarterly advisories issued vide D.O. letters of even numbers including my last D.O. letter dated 24.05.2017 containing a range of suggestions on various issues to all State/UT Governments for ensuring smooth implementation of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

2. National Food Security Act, 2013 has now been implemented in all State/UTs and Allocation of foodgrain is made in terms of NFSA 2013. However, it has been observed that the offtake of foodgrain in some States/UTs during 2016-17 was less than 90%. All the States/UTs are once again requested to ensure improvement in offtake figures. It may also be ensure that the foodgrains so lifted are distributed in time, failing which the States/UTs will be liable to pay food security allowance to the beneficiaries in terms of NFSA 2013.

3. As per Section 13 of NFSA, the eldest woman who is not less than 18 years of age in the eligible household shall be the head of the household for the purpose of issue of ration cards. Only in the case of a household not having a woman or woman of 18 years of age or above, eldest male member of the household can be the head of the household, till the female member in household attains the age of 18 years. Though all the States/UTs had certified compliance to this provision as part of their proposal for implementation of NFSA, it has been noticed that in many States/UTs this provision has not been fully complied with and percentage of ration cards with women as head of the household is very low. Being a mandatory provision, aimed at empowerment of women, compliance to this provision of the Act relating to women as head of eligible households must be ensured by all States/UTs.

4. DFPD has revised the following two policies which should be complied with :

- (i) Policy regarding "Additional Allocation of Foodgrains to States/UTs in connection with Natural Calamities, Law & Order situations and festivals" vide DFPD letter dated 18 Aug 2017 circulated to all States/UTs; and
- (ii) Policy regarding "Allocation of foodgrains under Welfare Institutions and Hostels Scheme (WI&HS)" vide DFPD letter dated 1 Sept 2017 circulated to all States/UTs.

5. State Governments/UTs are required to furnish Utilization Certificates against the allocation of foodgrains made to them. A list containing pending Utilization Certificates are enclosed (Annexure-I). State Govt. /UT are again directed to submit UCs within prescribed time.

6. Following steps may be initiated under the "End-to-end Computerisation of TPDS Operations" by State/UT Governments:-

- (i) Online Allocation of Food grains yet to be implemented by Arunachal Pradesh, Lakshadweep, Meghalaya and Nagaland.
- (ii) Online Grievance Redressal Mechanism yet to be implemented by Arunachal Pradesh, J&K.
- (iii) 100% Aadhaar seeding in beneficiaries' data and validation of seeded Aadhaar numbers by all the States/UTs to be completed by September, 2017.
- (iv) Presently, FPS automation is yet to be implemented in States/UTs of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, J&K, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab and West Bengal yet to be started. FPS automation need to be expedited and completed by the States/UTs of Andaman & Nicobar, Delhi, Goa, Karnataka, Sikkim, Telangana, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand. At present more than 2.74 Lakh FPSs out of total 5.26 Lakh FPSs are automated across 23 States & UTs.

7. Further, the State Government shall make all endeavors to eliminate bogus or ineligible ration cards as a continuous exercise in terms of TPDS[C] Order 2015 and a report may be sent in this regard to this Ministry.

8. Vigilance Committees have been constituted by States/UTs under various clauses of TPDS (C) Order, 2015 and NFSA, 2013 at various levels. The information in respect of functioning of Vigilance Committees in prescribed proforma be furnished to this Department regularly as per provision of TPDS and efforts may be made for operationalization and strengthening of V Cs.

9. Further, Department of Food & Consumer Affairs has issued a Notification under Section 7 of Aadhaar Act vide S.O. 371(E) dated 08.02.2017, further amended vide S.O. 2040(E) and S.O. 3176(E) dated 29.06.2017 and 28.09.2017 (copy enclosed) respectively. States/UTs are requested to kindly take necessary action in compliance of above notification.

10. This Ministry has been requesting for information on GIS Mapping of FPS for digital financial infrastructure. Defaulting States/UTs are again requested to furnish the requisite information urgently for further transmission to Cabinet Secretariat.

11. Copy of all the earlier advisories issued for the period January, 2015 to March, 2017 also available on the website of this Department at <http://dfpd.nic.in/circular.htm>. I shall be thankful if you look into the above issues and inform the action taken on the same at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



(Nilambuj Sharan)

Encl: As above

To,

✓ The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs,
All State/UT Governments.

Copy for information to:

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2. US(NFSA), D/o F&PD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -110001.
3. US(Comp.), D/o F&PD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi -110001.

DETAILS OF STATES/UTs NOT FURNISHED UTILIZATION CERTIFICATES

Sl. No.	Name of the State, UT	Period from which Utilization Certificate not received
1.	Andhra Pradesh	February, 2013 to March, 2015 & April, 2016 to till date
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	August, 2007 to till date
3.	Assam	March, 2017 to till date
4.	Bihar	April, 2011 to till date
5.	Chhattisgarh	October, 2015 to March, 2016 & April, 2017 to till date
6.	Delhi	April, 2010 to till date
7.	Goa	October, 2016 to till date
8.	Gujarat	March, 2017 to till date
9.	Haryana	November, 2013, November, 2015, January, 2016, April, 2016 & July, 2016, August, 2016, October, 2016 to December, 2016, April, 2017 to till date
10.	Himachal Pradesh	April, 2016 to till date
11.	J&K	April, 2007 to till date
12.	Kerala	August, 2013 to May, 2014, August, 2014 to till date
13.	Jharkhand	April, 2013 to till date
14.	Karnataka	February, 2013, March, 2013, September, 2013 to till date
15.	Madhya Pradesh	July, 2016 to till date
16.	Manipur	September, 2013 to July, 2014 & February, 2015 to till date
17.	Maharashtra	July, 2008 to till date
18.	Meghalaya	March, 2016 & October, 2016 to till date
19.	Nagaland	April, 2014 to September, 2014, July, 2015 to till date
20.	Odisha	July, 2012 to till date
21.	Punjab	August, 2009 to March, 2010 & December, 2013 to till date
22.	Rajasthan	April, 2017 to till date
23.	Sikkim	April, 2017 to till date
24.	Tamil Nadu	April, 2016 to till date
25.	Telangana	February, 2010 to till date
26.	Tripura	February, 2010 to till date
27.	Uttar Pradesh	April, 2011 to till date
28.	Uttarakhand	July, 2014 to March, 2015, July, 2015 & January, 2016, December, 2016 to till date
29.	West Bengal	April, 2016 to till date
30.	A&N Islands	July, 2016 to till date
31.	Chandigarh	June, 2010 to April, 2012 & October, 2012 to December, 2013, March, 2015 to December, 2015, February, 2016 to June, 2016, September, 2016, January, 2017 to till date
32.	D & N Haveli	September, 2002 to March, 2009 & April, 2010 to till date
33.	Daman & Diu	October, 2001 to March, 2009, February, 2010 to till date
34.	Lakshadweep	April, 2010 to till date
35.	Pudicherry	September, 2015 to till date
36.	Mizoram	April, 2017 to till date



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अधिसूचना

नई दिल्ली, 28 सितम्बर, 2017

का.आ. 3176(अ).— केन्द्रीय सरकार, आधार, (वित्तीय और अन्य सहायिकियों, प्रसुविधाओं और सेवाओं का लक्षित परिदान) अधिनियम, 2016 (2016 का 18) की धारा 7 के उपबंधों के अनुसरण में, भारत के राजपत्र असाधारण, भाग-II, खंड-3, उप खंड (ii) में का.आ. संख्यांक 371(अ), तारीख 8 फरवरी, 2017 द्वारा प्रकाशित भारत सरकार के उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण विभाग की अधिसूचना में निम्नलिखित और संशोधन करती है:-

उक्त अधिसूचना में,-

(क) पैरा-1, के उप-पैरा (2) में "30 सितम्बर, 2017 तक" अंकों और शब्दों के स्थान पर "31 दिसम्बर, 2017 तक" अंक और शब्द रखे जाएंगे।

(ख) पैरा-2 के उप-पैरा (1) में "30 सितम्बर, 2017 तक" अंकों और शब्दों के स्थान पर "31 दिसम्बर, 2017 तक" अंक और शब्द रखे जाएंगे।

[फा. सं. 9(2)/2016-पीडी II]

नीलाम्बुज शरण, आर्थिक सलाहकार

टिप्पण: मूल अधिसूचना भारत के राजपत्र, असाधारण, भाग II, खंड 3, उप खंड (ii) में का.आ. 371(अ), तारीख 8 फरवरी, 2017 द्वारा प्रकाशित की गई थी और का.आ. संख्यांक 2040 (अ) तारीख 29 जून, 2017 द्वारा उसका संशोधन किया गया था।

MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**(Department of Food And Public Distribution)****NOTIFICATION**

New Delhi, the 28th September, 2017.

S.O. 3176(E).— In pursuance of the provisions of section 7 of the Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies, Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 (18 of 2016), the Central Government hereby makes the following further amendments in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), vide number S.O. 371(E), dated the 8th February, 2017, namely :-

In the said notification,-

- (a) in paragraph 1, in sub-paragraph(2), for the words, figures and letters "by 30th September, 2017", the words, figures and letters "by 31st December, 2017" shall be substituted;
- (b) in paragraph 2, in sub-paragraph(1), for the words, figures and letters "by 30th September, 2017", the words, figures and letters "by 31st December, 2017" shall be substituted.

[F.No. 9(2)/2016-PD II]

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Note :- The principal notification was published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section(ii), vide number S.O. 371(E), dated the 8th February, 2017 and amended vide number S.O. 2040(E), dated the 29th June, 2017.

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