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

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New Delhi – 110 001
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Subject: Allocation of foodgrains under Welfare Institutions and Hostels Scheme

With a view to meeting the requirement of Welfare Institutions viz. Charitable Institutions such as beggar homes, nari-niketans and other similar welfare institutions, sponsored by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations, that are not covered under TPDS or under any other Welfare Scheme, additional allocation of foodgrains (rice and wheat) is made to States/UTs. Similarly, the scheme for allocation of foodgrain at subsidized rates to the residents of SC/ST/OBC Hostels, whether public or private including residential schools for them, was introduced primarily to ensure adequate standards of nutrition in institutions meant for the welfare and development of weaker sections of the society. The allocation of foodgrain to the hostels are made subject to the condition that 2/3rd of the inmates should belong to the SC/ST/OBC community.

2. Allocation of foodgrain under these schemes is made by the Department of Food & Public Distribution on the basis of the requests received from the States/UTs and subject to submission of Utilization Certificates of the past years. However, detailed norms and criteria for the allocation of foodgrains are not in place. States/UTs do not furnish details of the institutions like criteria for their selection, inmate strength therein etc. and in the absence of the requirement of their proposals to be routed through any Central Ministry, the Department of Food & Public Distribution has no source of information on the monitoring and utilization of the allocations made.

3. In order to ensure that the allocation of foodgrain under these schemes is as per the defined parameters and in a transparent manner so that only genuine institutions/beneficiaries can avail the benefit of the scheme, there is an urgent need to revisit the existing policies. In view of this, it has been decided that:

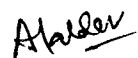
- (i) Both the schemes i.e. Welfare Institutions Scheme and SC/ST/OBC Hostels Scheme be clubbed together into a single scheme i.e. Welfare Institutions & Hostels Scheme.
- (ii) The criteria of eligibility of the Institutions shall be decided by the States/UTs themselves and notified prominently on their respective websites.
- (iii) The categories to be included under the scheme and eligibility criteria for inclusion of the beneficiaries in the scheme should be decided by the State Governments/UT Administration and also be notified prominently on the website of the concerned State Government/UT Administration.
- (iv) The Institutions/Hostels that are allocated subsidized foodgrains should be registered with the concerned State Government/UT Administration.
- (v) The State Governments/UT Administrations will also be required to display prominently the list of identified eligible institutions/hostels on their respective portals as is done in the case of NFSA beneficiaries.
- (vi) The list of institutions should include Registration Number, complete address, telephone no., e-mail ID, capacity of the institution, strength of the institution on the day of reporting (to be reviewed periodically), date on which it came into existence. The proforma is attached at Annexure-I.
- (vii) Allocation of foodgrains will be made to the SC/ST/OBC Hostels in which atleast 2/3rd of the residents/students belong to SC/ST/OBC community. However, all the resident

students, including those who belong to other categories will be entitled to receive the foodgrains.

- (viii) The scale of issue of wheat and rice (to be decided on the basis of food habits in different areas) will be as per the nutrition requirements of the residents, subject to a maximum of 15 kg per resident per month. State Government/UT Administration shall clearly provide the reasons for proposing the foodgrain mix and nutritional requirement.
- (ix) The Central Issue Price for allocation of foodgrain under the proposed scheme will be at BPL rates in force for the period of allocation.
- (x) 5% of the erstwhile annual BPL allocation under erstwhile TPDS shall be available for allocation under the scheme (*Annexure-II*). This limit will be computed at the national level and a State in need of allocation higher than 5% of the erstwhile annual BPL allocation under erstwhile TPDS may be allowed that as long as the ceiling of 5% at the national level is not exceeded. This will help the States/UTs having larger number of eligible institutions.
- (xi) The periodicity of supply of foodgrains to States/UTs under this scheme will be bi-annual. Every year in the month of February and August, the respective State Government/UT Administration will intimate to the Department of Food & Public Distribution their requirement of foodgrains in advance for the next half of the respective year i.e. April-September and October-March.
- (xii) A proposal for enhancement of allocation under the proposed combined scheme will be further subject to the condition that the average annual offtake of three years preceding the introduction of the scheme was more than 90%.
- (xiii) Revalidation of lapsed quantity of foodgrains will not be entertained except in rare and exceptional cases and subject to valid justification.
- (xiv) Utilization Certificates in the prescribed form GFR-12-C (GFR 2017) (*Annexure-III*) in respect of foodgrains utilized by the State/UT for the corresponding previous half year must be displayed on the web portal of the respective State/UT, failing which no foodgrain allocation will be made for the corresponding intended half year under this scheme.
- (xv) There should be regular periodical audit of the Scheme at State/UT level and the State Government/UT Administration must submit this Audit Report for the period it was completed along with the Utilization Certificates.
- (xvi) Detailed modalities adopted by the State Government/UT Administration for the implementation of the scheme should also be intimated to Department of Food & Public Distribution.
- (xvii) The States/UTs may give wide publicity to the scheme in their respective State/UT so that the benefits accrue to all the eligible beneficiaries.

4. This issues with the approval of Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

Yours faithfully,



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To

Principal Secretaries/Food Secretaries
All State Governments / Union Territory Administrations

Annexure-II

S No	STATE/UT	5 % of BPL + AAY Allocation (Qty MT)
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	49757.400
2	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	2074.800
3	ASSAM	38545.800
4	BIHAR	136989.600
5	CHHATTISGARH	39381.000
6	DELHI	8589.000
7	GOA	582.000
8	GUJARAT	44522.400
9	HARYANA	16569.600
10	HIMACHAL PRADESH	10794.000
11	JAMMU & KASHMIR	15454.200
12	JHARKHAND	50274.600
13	KARNATAKA	65713.800
14	KERALA	32630.400
15	MADHYA PRADESH	86623.800
16	MAHARASHTRA	137215.200
17	MANIPUR	3486.600
18	MEGHALAYA	3843.000
19	MIZORAM	1428.000
20	NAGALAND	2604.000
21	ORISSA	84852.600
22	PUNJAB	9826.800
23	RAJASTHAN	51051.000
24	SIKKIM	912.000
25	TAMIL NADU	102118.800
26	TELANGANA	35561.400
27	TRIPURA	6195.000
28	UTTARAKHAND	10458.600
29	UTTAR PRADESH	224259.000
30	WEST BENGAL	108763.200
31	A & N ISLANDS	283.200
32	CHANDIGARH	219.000
33	D & N HAVELI	361.200
34	DAMAN & DIU	84.000
35	LAKSHADWEEP	63.000
36	PUDDUCHERRY	1755.600
	Total	1383843.60

Format for furnishing bi annual Utilization Certificate on distribution of foodgrains allocated by the Government of India from Central Pool for the period ending 31st March and 30th September, every year

UTILIZATION CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that during the (halfyear), (quantity) tons of foodgrains was allocated by Government of India for distribution under Welfare Institution and Hostels Scheme and the same distributed to the beneficiaries as follows:-

(Figures in tons)

Commodity	Allotment made by the Government of India	Quantity lifted by the State Govt.	Unlifted Quantity out of the allotted quantity (col.2-col.3)	Quantity distributed	Balance quantity out of the lifted quantity (col.3-col. 5)	Reasons for unlifted/ undistributed quantity if any
1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.
Rice						
Wheat						
Total						

Signature _____

Name of the officer _____

[to be signed by Secretary (Food) of the State / UT]

Date _____

Place _____