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Dear Sir,

Please refer to the quarterly advisories issued vide D.O. letters of even number including my last d.o. letter dated 06.02.2015 regarding lifting of the allocated foodgrains and various measures to be taken for strengthening and streamlining of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS).

Government of India has enacted NFSA w.e.f. 4.7.2013 under which allocation of foodgrains is made at highly subsidized prices. But, so far only 11 States/UTs viz. Haryana, Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi, Punjab, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar and Chandigarh have implemented NFSA. In addition, West Bengal has implemented NFSA partially i.e. in 3 districts from June, 2015 onwards. States/UTs have been given time up to 30.9.2015 for implementing NFSA. The States have been advised to complete the identification of beneficiaries and other prerequisites under NFSA and implement the Act within the extended period of 30.9.2015.

In the case of States/UTs which have not implemented NFSA so far, Government has been making additional APL and BPL allocations to these States. During the year 2014-15, Government of India made additional allocations of 27.50 lakh tons of rice and 22.50 lakh tons of rice for APL and BPL beneficiaries respectively in these States/UTs. However, the States could lift only 66.6% against additional APL allocation and 71.2% against additional BPL allocation.

During the current year also, Government of India has allocated additional APL and BPL allocations to the States/UTs up to 30.9.2015 or till implementation of NFSA whichever is earlier. This additional APL and BPL allocation was to be lifted up to 30.4.2015 and 10.5.2015 for the months of April and May, 2015 respectively. However, up to 30.4.2015, the lifting against additional APL and BPL allocation is only 33.6% and 40% respectively.

In view of the above, the States are therefore advised to implement NFSA expeditiously within the extended time and also ensure complete lifting of additional APL and BPL allocations till the Act is implemented.

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In the case of States/UTs which have implemented NFSA, it is stated that lifting is poor in some States. During 2014-15, the lifting against NFSA allocation was 80% in case of Bihar and 22% in case of Punjab. Further, during the current year, against the allocation of April and May, 2015 the lifting is only 69% by Bihar, 73% by Madhya Pradesh and 21% by Punjab. Since, receipt of foodgrains by the beneficiaries has become a legal right under NFSA, the low lifting by the States is a cause of concern. The States may therefore ensure complete lifting under TPDS.

As you are already aware that in consonance with the NFSA, this Department has notified the Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2015 on 20.03.2015 in supersession of the existing PDS (Control) Order, 2001. The copies of the Gazette notification of the Order have been circulated to all the States/UTs. It is requested to ensure that the provisions of the TPDS (C) Order, 2015 may be implemented for smooth implementation of the TPDS.

I shall be thankful if you look into the above referred issues and inform about the action taken on the same at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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