

**Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Department of Food Civil Supplies and
Consumer Affairs
Civil Secretariat, J&K, Jammu.**

The Director,
Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs
Jammu/Kashmir.

No. FCS&CA/Plan/NFSA/2020-21

Dated: 06/07/2021

Sub: Launch of Special Drive to issue Ration cards and providing foodgrains to the weaker and vulnerable sections of the society-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to forward communication No.24-37/2021-PD.II (E374544) dated 02/06/2021 received from Government of India and convey that subject to the target ceilings under NFSA, these weaker and vulnerable sections of the society must be included on priority basis, through special drive including physically handicapped and specially abled and those people, whose incorporation has been directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Further you are also advised that appropriate fool proof mechanism may also be devised to provide ration under portability or through other acceptable arrangements to NFSA registered migrating Nomadic families after their proper data mapping.

Some complaints are also coming about ineligible beneficiaries figuring in AAY/PHH categories. A re-verification in all such cases should be under taken

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Immediately, upon receipt of complaints from public, reports from elected public representatives, reports from other Departments, if any, or wherever reported through any medium and category in such cases should be re-established, in accordance with applicable norms and ineligible beneficiaries in such cases may be weeded out after following laid down norms. However, the category and district wise targets may please be kept in consideration.

Yours faithfully

Sushil
06/07/2021

(Sushil Kumar Mattoo)

Under Secretary to Government

By Speed Post/E-mail

No. 24 -37/2021-PD.II (E-374544)
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishni Bhawan, New Delhi - 110
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Dated 02/06/2021

To

The Principal Secretary/Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department
All States/UTs.

Sub:- Launch a special drive to issue ration cards and providing foodgrains to the weakest and vulnerable sections of the society-rog.

Sir/Madam,

Targeted Public Distribution System is operated under the joint responsibilities of the Central and the State/Union Territory Governments. The operational responsibilities of identification of eligible persons/households under NFSA, issuance of ration cards to them, allocation of foodgrains to all FPSs within the State/UT, distribution of foodgrains to all NFSA ration card holders, licensing of FPSs, supervision & monitoring of FPSs operations, regular review of the eligible list of beneficiaries/households under NFSA, etc. lies with the concerned State/UT Governments.

2. The constant endeavour under the NFSA should be to take special care for identification and providing ration cards to eligible households in urban as well as rural areas, subject to the overall ceiling of each State/UT.
3. States/UTs may be aware that during the current scenario pandemic of Covid-19, there are several reports/grievances through Media, newspapers, NGOs, individuals stating that **vulnerable and weakest sections of the society i.e. street dwellers, rag pickers, hawkers, rickshaw pullers, migrant labours etc. , who are in dire need of foodgrains, are unable to procure ration cards.** It is felt that some of the poor and needy people, who also may not have address proof, may be finding it difficult to obtain a ration card.
4. In the present condition, States/UTs are requested to utilize the available coverage under their overall NFSA limits by launching a special drive to reach out to the most vulnerable and economically weakest sections of the population in urban and rural areas.
5. In view of the above, all the States/UTs are requested to furnish a fortnightly Status report to this Department.
6. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Digitally signed by RAJESH
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Date: Wed Jun 02 17:36:17 IST
(Rajesh Kumar Pandeer)

Under Secretary to the Government of India
Reason: Approved