

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

**Subject: WP(Civil)No.857/2015-Swaraj Abhiyan V/s UOI & Ors—reg.
Composition of Vigilance Committees under National Food
Security Act, 2013.**

Ref: Meeting held on 04.01.2018

GOVERNMENT ORDER NO 31-FCS&CA OF 2018

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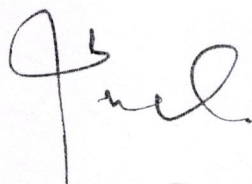
Whereas, under section 29 of the National Food Security Act 2013 Vigilance Committees are requires to be constituted at State, District, Block and Fair Price Shops levels; and

Whereas, with a view to ensure transparency, accountability and proper functioning of Targeted Public Distribution System, the Vigilance Committees vide Government Order No.370-FCS&CA of 2017 dated:22-09-2017, have been constituted in the State; and

Whereas, in terms of clauses 2,7,8,&11 of PDS Control Order, 2015 issued under Essential Commodity Act, 1955 viz-a-viz in consonance with the National Food Security Act, 2013, the provision regarding periodically review of the functioning of the Public Distribution System have been enumerated; and

Whereas, in order to improve the public involvement in the Public Distribution System, the village level monitoring committees are required to be constituted for the purpose of ensuring proper distribution of foodgrains in the State.

Now, therefore, in view of the above, the Vigilance Committees constituted under the authority of National Food Security Act,2013 shall also function as the Village Monitoring Committee and their role and responsibilities are as under:-



1. To regularly supervise the implementation of all schemes of the National Food Security Act, 2013 in their respective areas.
2. To inform the District Grievance Redressal Officer, in writing, of any violation of the provisions of the National Food Security Act, 2013.
3. To conduct the periodic Social Audit on the functioning of the Fair Price Shops/Government sale depot.
4. To regularly held the meeting mandatorily in the concerned areas on the date fixed by the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution in compliance to the direction of the Hon'ble Apex Court i.e 15th of August and 26th of January of every year for Social Audit by involving the General Public at large of the area and asking the questions regarding the mode of distribution of the subsidized rations to them.
5. To submit the record note of the meeting in the shape of "minutes of meeting" of the above said meetings alongwith its recommendations to the concerned District Grievance Redressal Officer with the copies for information to the Directorate and Administrative Department for further consideration in light of law/rules.
6. To inform the District Grievance Redressal Officer, in writing, of any malpractice or misappropriation of funds found by it at the time of social audit.
7. To assist the department in identification of target group for Public Distribution system.
8. To coordinate with the department in reviewing of the availability and movement of PDS items and assess the demand of additional PDS ration based on the needs of the concerned local areas.
9. To assist the concerned dealer in operation and maintenance of the Fair Price Shops.
10. To assist in distribution of new ration cards, identification of bogus cards and elimination thereof.
11. To assist the dealer in timely distribution of foodgrains to the beneficiaries during winter in snow bounded areas.
12. To aware the general public at large about the Grievance Redressal Mechanism set up by the department under NFSA.

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13. To monitor the position of availability of stocks, for this purpose under online supply chain management system of the foodgrains, the committee shall receive the SMS regarding dispatches of the foodgrains in their respective areas.
14. To monitor the position of proper storage, lifting and distribution of the foodgrains in their respective areas .
15. To recommend the department in respect of measure required for ensuring general availability of PDS items, regular & timely lifting of PDS items, equitable distribution of the allotted stocks to the consumer and prevention and detection of mal practices at various levels.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Sd/-

(Mohammad Mehraj-ud-Din Khan)

Commissioner/Secretary to the Government
Department of Food, Civil Supplies &
Consumer Affairs

No:- CAPD/Legal/27/2016

Dated:- 29 .01.2018

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- ✓ 1. Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Department, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi, 110001.
2. Director General of Police, J&K, Srinagar.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir/Jammu.
4. Director, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Jammu/Kashmir.
5. All Deputy Commissioners with the request to convene the meeting of the VMCs quarterly in the regular manner and take the feedback accordingly under intimation to the government.
6. Director Archives, Archeology & Museum, Srinagar.
7. Pr. Private Secretary to the Hon'ble Minister for Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs and Information Department for kind information of the Hon'ble Minister.
8. All Assistant Directors, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs for information and will act as nodal officer for coordination and arrangement of the meeting of VMCs to be convened by the Deputy Commissioner (atleast once in a quarter) and also after interaction with the VMCs shall submit the feedback to the Administrative Department alongwith photographs.
9. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Department of FCS&CA for information of the Commissioner/ Secretary.
- ✓ 10. Incharge Website, Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs.
11. Government order file (W2SC).
12. Monday return file.

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