GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No 6109 Dated 17/3/20
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From
M.Q. Haque, OAS
Joint Secretary to Government

To
All Collectors

Sub: Distribution of foodgrains & S.K. Oil to beneficiaries under NFSA & State Food Security Scheme for the allotment month of April-May-June 2020.

Madam/Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above I am directed to inform you that the following decisions have been taken in the meeting held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary on 17th March 2020 for smooth management of Public Distribution System in the districts:

1. The beneficiaries under NFSA and State Food Security Scheme shall be distributed rice, wheat & S.K. Oil for the allotment months of April, May and June 2020, from 1st of April to 15th of May 2020.

2. Suitable instructions may be issued to licensing authorities (Sub Collectors and ADMs concerned) to complete the process of renewal/appointment of licenses of existing Fair Price Shops (except 2590 private Fair Price Shops) as well as ration card tagging of all eligible beneficiaries in RCMS by 24th March 2020.

3. The selection and appointment process of 2590 WSHGs in place of private FPSs shall also be completed by 24th March 2020. However, in case of reasonable delay in selection and appointment of WSHGs, for all or some of the above private Fair Price Shop locations beyond 24th March 2020, suitable instructions may be issued to the field functionaries to tag the cards of these 2590 private FPSs to the nearest Fair Price Shops in the Gram Panchayats/Wards for generation of State Allotment Order on 25th March 2020 for lifting and distribution to beneficiaries.

4. Keeping in view the ongoing Corona virus threat, the distribution period has been increased to 45 days (1st April to 15th May 2020) in order to have a staggered distribution so that rush will be avoided at FPS points. Adequate IEC activities may be undertaken informing beneficiaries not to approach the FPSs at a time. Advance planning of distribution shall be chalked out by the field functionaries so as to avoid huge gathering at FPS points during distribution.

5. Since the Corona virus is contagious in nature, any type of bio-metric scanning through either finger print scanner or IRIS scanner attached to e-PoS during above distribution cycle is waived off. However, the FPS Dealers shall continue
to distribute foodgrains using e-PoS devices (in online/offline mode) and data shall be synced to the server soon after distribution is over (in case of offline distribution). Necessary instructions shall be issued to the field functionaries/all Fair Price Shop Dealers accordingly.

This may be treated as MOST URGENT.

Yours faithfully

Joint Secretary to Government
(By Fax)

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