

**4<sup>th</sup> National Consultation Meeting of Ministers of States/UTs in-charge of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs held on 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2018.**

**ACTION PLAN CONCLUDED IN 4<sup>TH</sup> NCM, 2018**

1. All price reporting centres in the State to provide prices data on all seven days of the week and as per the laid down methodology for data collection. States with relatively lower number of centres may setup additional centres for price reporting. States may send their proposal for strengthening their centres as per the revised guidelines which additionally allows engaging services of one data entry operator per centre and a hand-held device.
2. Government of India has built a buffer of about 20 lakh MT of pulses for effective market intervention. The utilization of the pulses in buffer by States/UTs for meeting their requirements under various welfare schemes including Mid-day meal, anganwadi scheme, hospitals, Hostels, and/or any other State agency would help optimize their management and use.
3. States may consider setting up the State level PSF for effective market intervention in the identified commodities. Government of India would contribute its share in the State PSF as per the provision laid down in the Guidelines of the Price Stabilization Fund Scheme.
4. The states are required to submit an action taken report on enforcement of the Essential Commodities Act & PBMMSEC Act on monthly basis in the prescribed format. Only a few States are providing the information regularly. Department has recently developed a web-based reporting mechanism to further facilitate reporting by the States. States may now regularly provide the requisite data online.
5. State Governments may take suitable action on declaration of dual MRP on identical Pre Packaged Commodities.
6. State Governments may ensure that all e-Commerce entities make the mandatory declarations as per Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules.
7. States may ensure that Utilization Certificates are given timely for the Grants-in-Aid given by the Central Government for the strengthening of Legal Metrology Laboratories in the States.
8. State Governments may Implement Model Rules regarding appointment, terms of service etc., as approved by the Hon'ble Supreme Court for State and District Consumer Fora.
9. State Governments may expedite filling up of vacancies of President and Members of Consumer Fora.
10. State Governments may ensure effective functioning of State Consumer Helplines.
11. State Governments may run consumer awareness programme and set up State Consumer Welfare Fund.
12. State Governments to appoint Nodal Officers and ensure implementation of monitoring mechanism under the direct selling guidelines 2016.

13. For Consumer empowerment and protection this Department has been providing funds to the State Governments through various schemes. States have to:
- a) Utilize the funds as per the time schedule of utilization.
  - b) Provide land for construction of Consumer Fora buildings, legal metrology labs etc., causing delay in utilization of funds and outcome of the schemes implementation.
  - c) Report awareness generation activities undertaken to this Department regularly.
14. State Governments may consider adopting National Building Code of India, 2016 of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in the local building bye laws for building/construction activities.
15. States may issue notifications for empowering Metropolitan Magistrates/Judicial Magistrates of First Class to try offences punishable under BIS Act, 2016.
16. State Governments may ensure completion of Aadhaar seeding with Ration Cards before 30.09.2018.
17. State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Assam, West Bengal, Uttarakhand, Goa and North Eastern States (except Tripura) may ensure installation of ePoS devices at all FPSs before 31.12.2018.
18. State Governments of Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Punjab, Assam, Jammu & Kashmir, Kerala, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Nagaland may ensure automation of Supply Chain Management and Integration with NFSA dashboard before 30.10.2018.
19. State Governments may ensure submission of signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for implementation of IM-PDS scheme to the department at the earliest. State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Haryana and Maharashtra to ensure sharing of data of pilot districts with NIC HQ before 30.07.2018 for pilot launching of the scheme.
20. State Governments may ensure correct and complete data availability on NFSA dashboard and Annavitran Portal.
21. State Governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Sikkim and Andaman Nicobar to ensure door-step delivery of foodgrains up to Fair Price Shops as per NFSA.
22. Concerned State Governments were requested to send proposal for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of central assistance under End-to-End Computerization scheme at the earliest.

**All States and UTs shall make an action plan to complete on time-bound basis.**

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