

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN CONCLUDED BY THE NCM

1. States to map vulnerable areas prone to supply shortages for special monitoring and ensure that “stock-out” situations do not occur especially for essential food items of common consumption.
2. States to mobilize existing storage capacity utilizing the Government/ private/ cooperative storage infrastructure to ensure that adequate decentralized stocks are maintained across different cities/rural areas of the State to ensure adequate supplies of perishable essential food commodities.
3. Senior Officers such as the District Commissioners/Collectors in the District and the Municipal Commissioners in the cities/towns may be designated as focal points for monitoring the availability and price trends of the essential food commodities.
4. States may regularly review and supervise the price collected at their centres through designated/ nominated nodal officer. States may also set-up new centres especially in rural/ semi urban areas as well as undertake 3rd party validation of their data
5. States to provide prices data on all seven days of the week. States may send their proposal for strengthening their centres as well as setting up new centres as per the revised guidelines.
6. States to hold meetings with the dealers of essential food items especially pulses and onions, and regularly review prices for intervention requirement, if any. States may also keep Government of India informed of notable adverse price movements/trends.
7. A buffer of about 14 LMT of pulses and 50,000 MT of onions is already available under PSF. States may utilize the stock for mitigating price volatility in these commodities by utilizing them for their respective welfare schemes like MDM, ICDS, PDS, etc. and for retailing.
8. State may consider setting up their own State Level PSF and may also indicate clauses in the PSF Guidelines that is limiting their participation.
9. States may offer their views on rationalizing the provisions in EC Act that may promote ‘**Make in India**’ and ‘**Ease of Doing Businesses**’ without adversely affecting the consumer protection/ welfare within 30 days.
10. Keeping the objective of doubling farmer’s income in view, States may suggest amendments in provisions of EC Act or its Orders that may need liberalization to promote investment in the farm sector and allied supply chain activities.

11. States may initiate action for filling up of existing/anticipated vacancies of President and Member in the State Commissions and District Forum and endeavor to complete the selection process in time-bound manner.
12. Funds released for construction of toilets under the scheme “Clean Consumer Fora” may be utilised within next three months and apprise the status.
13. States may utilize the funds released for installation of CCTVs in the State Commissions within three months and confirm the action taken.
14. All the old cases be entered into the CONFONET System within next three months.
15. States may furnish inputs on the draft e-commerce guidelines within the stipulated date i.e. 15th Sep. 2019.
16. States and the State Commissions/District Fora may furnish inputs for framing of rules under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 by 15th September 2019.
17. States to enforce the provision of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) rules in letter and spirit and the enforcement data may be submitted online on a weekly basis at [URL:- https://consumerhelpline.gov.in/gst/lm](https://consumerhelpline.gov.in/gst/lm)
18. State Governments which have not adopted the National Building Code of India , 2016 of the Bureau of India Standards in their local/ relevant building bye-laws may do so promptly. State Governments may also send their proposals for establishing or revising standards in area of relevance to State economy
19. Transfer of the funds to States under Central Sector Schemes are to be routed to the Implementing Agencies directly. No funds under such scheme would be transferred in the absence of PFMS details of such agencies. There is urgency of identification of I.A.s and their registration in PFMS by States/UTs.
20. All the States and UTs to submit proposals duly complete in all respect to facilitate prompt allocation/release of funds in respect of different schemes of the Department.
21. 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 and provide requisite UCs timely.
 - b. Provide land for construction of Consumer Fora buildings, legal metrology labs etc., so that there is no delay in utilization of funds and outcome of the schemes implementation.
 - c. Report awareness generation activities undertaken to this Department regularly.
22. Installation of ePoS devices to go up to 5 lakh or more in the country

- By next year, the number of installed devices in the country is envisaged to go up to **>5 Lakh**
- Presently, ePoS devices are installed in **4.32 Lakh** out of total 5.35 Lakh FPSs in the country
- **Nearly >1 Lakh ePoS devices are expected to be installed in next one year in following 10 majorly pending States:**

| Sl. | State | No. of total FPSs | No. of Pending ePoS devices |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Assam | 38,237 | 38,237 (100%) |
| 2 | Bihar | 41,483 | 35,114 (85%) |
| 3 | Uttarakhand | 9,908 | 6,637 (67%) |
| 4 | West Bengal | 20,806 | 6,319 (30%) |
| 5 | Meghalaya | 4,736 | 4,726 (100%) |
| 6 | Manipur | 2,682 | 2,672 (100%) |
| 7 | Delhi | 2,254 | 2,254 (100%) |
| 8 | Arunachal Pradesh | 1,943 | 1,918 (99%) |
| 9 | Nagaland | 1,691 | 1,691 (100%) |
| 10 | Mizoram | 1,252 | 1,252 (100%) |
| | Total | 1,24,992 | 1,00,820 (81%) |

23. Intra-State Portability of Ration Card holders (within State/UT)

- Already, fully implemented in **11 States** of –
 - Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura
- **By March 2020:** Plan to start in another **13 States** (having ePoS installed in all FPSs) in entire State/UT of –
 - Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Odisha, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

24. Inter-State Portability of Ration Card holders

- **Start in 2 more clusters of States – w.e.f. 1st October 2019:**
 - Kerala and Karnataka
 - Haryana and Rajasthan
- **Integration of clusters – w.e.f. 1st January 2020:**
 - **Integration of 4 existing clusters (8 States), i.e. –**
 - ✓ Andhra Pradesh and Telangana,
 - ✓ Maharashtra and Gujarat,
 - ✓ Kerala and Karnataka, and
 - ✓ Haryana and Rajasthan

- On-boarding and **integration of 3 more States** of Punjab, Jharkhand and Tripura, where Intra-State Portability is already implemented.
- On-boarding and **integration of other States/UTs** – As per the required readiness of State/UT.

25. Completion of Supply Chain Management

- By March 2020: Completion of pending implementation/ operationalisation in remaining States of – Jammu & Kashmir, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya.
