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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Advisory on Implementing Ration Card services under e-District project.

Sir,

As you are aware, under the eDistrict National Rollout Scheme, the States / UTs have to select 10 service categories - 5 services are mandatory service categories and the remaining 5 categories are optional service categories. Ration Card related service is one of the mandatory categories of service under e-District project.

2. Subsequent to the eDistrict Scheme, 3 new Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) were approved by Government of India and Public Distribution System (PDS) MMP is one of them. Some States had requested guidance from DeitY on whether Ration Card services should be developed in eDistrict MMP or not, as PDS application is also being developed

3. In view of this, an advisory note has been prepared and enclosed to facilitate the States / UTs on implementing Ration Card services under e-District project. This is also hosted at the DeitY website <http://www.deity.gov.in/content/e-district-guidelines-advisories>

4. This advisory is issued with the approval of Joint Secretary (eGov), DeitY.


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To

IT Secretaries of all States / UTs

Enclosed – Copy of Advisory on Implementing Ration Card Services under e-District Project.

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Advisory on Implementing Ration Card services under e-District project

1. Background

As per the eDistrict National Rollout Guidelines (June, 2011) issued by DeitY, the States / UTs have to select 10 service categories (each service category can have multiple services under it). Out of these 10 service categories, 5 services are mandatory service categories and the remaining 5 categories are optional service categories. Ration Card related services (including services change of address, additions, deletions of members, application for issue of duplicates, etc.) is one of the mandatory category of service under e-District project.

As per the project Guidelines, the services were identified by the respective State/UT Governments and specified in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) which has been subsequently approved by the Empowered Committee.

2. Purpose of this Advisory

Subsequent to the eDistrict Scheme, 3 new Mission Mode Projects (MMPs) were approved by Government of India and Public Distribution System (PDS) MMP is one of them. Hence, it is likely that a few States may have had some understanding issues / queries regarding the relevant MMP which should provide PDS services.

3. Advisory to the States / UTs

3.1. This issue has been addressed in the Integrated Framework for Delivery of Services Guidelines issued by DeitY as under:

***Section 1.1 (e):** "In case any of the services selected to be in the portfolio of e-District, are already launched under any other (MMP or non-MMP) e-Governance initiative, either of the State or of the Central Government, the State IT Department, in consultation with the State Line Department, may plan to provide such services through e-District using the SSDG middleware, as explained in the Section on Architecture..."*

***Section 2.4.2 (Scenario 2):** "When some of the existing services being delivered under e-District application become available from other application i.e. non MMP/ MMP with its own database and workflow/business layer, then this service should move from e-District application to the newly developed application using SSDG. The existing data of these services will also move to database of new application. This means continuous rearrangement of*

backend workflow and database of e-District application”.

- 3.2. Under the Computerisation of Targeted Public Distribution (TPDS) Scheme, activities such as digitization of ration cards / beneficiary and other databases, computerisation of supply-chain management, etc. have been initiated. The States / UTs have an option to either undertake the implementation of the scheme themselves, or through NIC or hire System Integrators (SIs) for rolling out the technology solution at the State level. The Implementation Guidelines of the Scheme is available on <http://www.pdsportal.nic.in/Files/Implementation%20Guidelines%20Finalised.pdf>.
- 3.3. NIC is already developing Common Application Software (CAS) for meeting the requirements of the respective State / UT and also facilitate its customization/configuration during the rollout in States / UTs in a time-bound manner.
- 3.4. The SDA / Secretary of the nodal department implementing eDistrict MMP in the State/UT is advised to interact with Secretary, Food & Civil Supplies (F&CS) Department and understand the project implementation timelines of the PDS system in the State / UT. State's eDistrict Team should work closely with F&CS Department and NIC's PDS team to understand the business processes of the Department, the status of PDS and Ration Card Application, the metadata standards adopted and explore to integrate with CAS / similar application available in the State. The State should accordingly decide on either developing or not developing the Ration Card related services module as part of the e-District project with approval of the State Apex Committee under intimation to DeitY.