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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Department of Food & Supplies

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Memo No. 4065-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-21/2024

Dated, the 11th August, 2025

NOTIFICATION

WHEREAS, it has been considered necessary to amend the West Bengal Targeted Public Distribution System (Maintenance and Control) Order, 2024, as subsequently amended, (hereinafter referred to as the said Order), in the manner hereinafter appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955), the Governor is pleased to hereby to make, with an immediate effect, the following amendments in the said Order, namely:—

In the said Control Order,

1. In Clause 4, for Sub-Clause (3), *substitute* the following:—

“(3) The Ration Card Issuing Authority shall cause an enquiry into the eligibility of the applicant and also ascertain to the possible extent that the applicant falls under inclusion criteria and does not fall under any of exclusion criteria. In case of application for inclusion of a new family the Ration Card Issuing Authority shall cause an enquiry by visiting the household and neighbourhood. **However, for a new family to be eligible for getting Ration cards at least one of the members should be above 18 years of age.**

In every exceptional cases, where there is no one (Father, Mother, Brother, Sister and Grand Parents) alive available in West Bengal, The Ration Card Issuing Authority after holding a detailed field inquiry and verification of facts of the case, issue a Ration Card to children below 18 years, under RKS-Y-I”.

2. In Clause 5, for Sub-Clause (2), *substitute* the following:—

“(2) Any new ration card issued in terms of this order or any ration card already issued is to be linked with Aadhaar for activation of the Ration Cards and for getting subsidized public distribution commodities. **However, for ration**

cards of children below 5 years Aadhaar number shall be captured, if available and eKYC shall be performed within one year after turning 5 years. However, activation of NFSA ration card depends on availability of category wise quota stipulated in the National Food Security Act or as fixed by the Central Government. So, to maintain transparency, the State Government shall use the First-In First-Out method for issuance of ration card and display a waiting list in the public domain, including on the state web-portal, allowing users to track their application status in real-time:

Provided, that the State Government may priorities eligible vulnerable and needy sections of the society in special circumstances with recorded justification."

3. In Clause 5, for Sub-Clause (3), *substitute* the following:-

"(3) For achieving the purpose of sub-clause (13) of clause 3 and sub-clause (18) & (19) of clause 4 of the TPDS Control Order, 2015 the state government shall regularly review the list of the eligible households for the purpose of deletion of ineligible households or inclusion of eligible households and perform mandatory e KYC every 5 years."

4. In Clause 5, for Sub-Clause (7), *substitute* the following:-

"(7) The Ration Card Issuing Authority or the State Government shall also periodically review the cases of non-lifting of food grains by the ration card holder and if it is found that a ration card holder is not lifting the ration commodity for consecutive **six (6) months**, his ration card may be deactivated and allocation of subsidized public distribution commodities against this deactivated ration card may be stopped temporarily till it is reactivated again within next 3 months."

5. In Clause 5, for Sub-Clause (9), *substitute* the following:-

"(9) Any deactivated Ration Cards will remain so for a period of **three (3) months** unless reactivated through modes specified by the State Government."

The amendments made in this notification shall be deemed to have taken effect in all the existing Forms, Checklist etc, mutatis mutandis.

By order of the Governor,

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