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FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 15th February, 2018

No. FSA.18/2018/9.- For the purpose of Social Audit on the Targeted Public Distribution System at FP Shop Level as laid down in Section 28 of the National Food Security Act' 2013(No. 20 of 2013) and in exercise of powers conferred under clause (i) of Sub-Section (2) of Section 40 of the Act, the Governor of Assam is pleased to make the following procedure as guidelines for making all records available to the General Public to ensure transparency in the Targeted Public Distribution System with immediate effect.

1. All records related to allotment, storage and distribution of Ration Commodities under Targeted Public Distribution System and Fair Price Shop shall be placed at Gram Sabha held on 20th August and 1st February of every year for social audit. If the dates fixed are Govt holidays then Gram Sabha may be held on the next working day.
2. In Rural areas, documents of intervening period between the Gram Sabha shall be placed in Gram Sabha by the GPSS, WSCCS, Fair Price Shop Owner and Inspector/Sub-Inspector in charge of social audit.
3. After audit of the documents at Gram Sabha, the report along with recommendation shall be submitted to Block Level Vigilance Committee. After examination of the report and the recommendation by Block Level Vigilance Committee, recommendation shall be forwarded to the District level Vigilance committee for further necessary action.
4. In Urban areas, the Urban Local Body shall hold meeting on fixed date and shall conduct social audit. Meeting at Ward level shall be conducted at least once in six months for social audit is compulsory.
5. Documents of last six months shall be submitted by the Fair Price Shop Owners and Licensing Authority will instruct Fair Price Shop Owner to produce documents for social audit in the meeting at Ward Level.

6. After Audit of the documents at Ward Sabha meeting in urban areas, and the report along with the recommendation shall be submitted to the District/Sub-Divisional Vigilance and Monitoring Committee for further necessary action.
7. Social Audit shall also include eliciting views/grievances/suggestions from the public on certain important parameters related to functioning of FPSs, such as:-
 - i. Public display of the entire list of eligible households under NFSA
 - ii. Updation in the list of beneficiaries
 - iii. Timely availability of adequate stock of foodgrains in the fair price shop
 - iv. Timely distribution of foodgrains buy the concerned fair price shop delaeer
 - v. Distribution of foodgrains to eligible households as per their entitlement under the Act
 - vi. Distribution of foodgrains to the eligible households at prices specified under the Act.
 - vii. Regular and timely opening and closing of fair price shops
 - viii. Awareness about grievance redressal mechanism and their effectiveness in redressal of grievances
 - ix. Use of technology in beneficiaries authentication and proper targeting
 - xi. Any other issue.
8. After compiling the social audit report of the GPSS,/WSCCS, Fair Price Shop, and necessary examination shall be made at District level/Sub-Divisional Level and Deputy Commissioner/ Sub-Divisional Officer(C) shall take further necessary action.
9. Action Taken report on the social audit shall be forwarded to the Directorate which shall be placed in the PDS Portal
10. For the purpose of Social Audit, the Committee will be constituted at Rural Areas and Urban Areas with the following.
 - (i) Rural Areas
 - a) President of Gaon Panchayat - Chairman
 - b) Inspector/Sub-Inspector, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department - Member Secretary
 - c) Presidents of Gaon Panchayat Samabai Samiti - Members
 - d) Local Gaon Burahs - Members
 - (ii) Urban Areas
 - a) Representative from Guwahati Municipality Corporation to be nominated by the Hon'ble Mayor in respect of Corporation Areas/Chairperson of Urban Local Body - Chairman
 - b) Inspector/Sub-Inspector, Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department - Member Secretary
 - c) Members of Wholesale Consumers Cooperative Society - Members
 - d) Councillors/Ward Member of Local Urban Bodies - Members

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