

**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES
CIVIL SECRETARIATE, ITANAGAR**

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ORDER

The Government of India has launched a new scheme under National Food Security Ordinance, 2013. The National Food Security Ordinance 2013 envisages to provide for food and nutritional Security in human life cycle approach at affordable prices to people to live a life with dignity and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto. This scheme reflects the commitment of the Government of India to ensure food Security for all and to create a hunger free India in the next five years and to improve the Public Distribution System. The Population of 2011 census has been taken as the basis to calculate the percentage of coverage under priority household.

Under section-3(i) of the National Food Security Ordinance, 2013, every eligible citizen identified under sub section (I) of section 10 as priority household is entitled to receive 5kg of food grain every month at highly subsidized rate of Rs,3.00 per kg. The Ordinance also provides for payment of food security allowance by the state Government to be paid to each person in case of non-supply of entitled quantities of food grains. The food Security allowance will be disbursed only on receipt of fund from the GOI for the purpose.

The Government of India has earmarked 51.55% under Urban coverage and 66.31% under Rural coverage of population in Arunachal Pradesh. Accordingly 7.09 lakh people in rural and 1.62 lakh people in urban areas will be covered under the scheme.

1. The State Govt. has approved the eligibility criteria for inclusion in the priority Household as under:-

- (i) The household covered under AAY and BPL schemes will be covered under the new scheme of National Food Security Ordinance unless such families have crossed BPL criteria.
- (ii) All MNREGA (job card holders)
- (iii) All laborers registered under Arunachal Pradesh Building & other Construction Workers Welfare Board (APBOCWBB).
- (iv) Arunachal Pradesh Contingency Employees.
- (v) All Laborers working in the public or private sector having family income from all sources less than Rs,1.00 lakh per annum.
- (vi) Widows of defense/Paramilitary/State Police died in operations.
- (vii) Families having income less than Rs,1.00 lakh per annum from all sources of income

(viii) Registered Hawkers/Vendors.

2. The State Govt. has approved the eligibility criteria for exclusion in the Priority and AAY household are:-

- (i) All regular Govt. PSUs employees including work charge employees.
- (ii) All elected representatives who are receiving pay and allowances, remuneration from the state exchequer.
- (iii) All Vehicle owners.
- (iv) All families whose income is Rs, 1.00 lakh or above

In order to roll out the ordinance in the state, all the Deputy Commissioners are to take the following action:-

1. Organise a meeting to sensitize all the Administrative Officers of the district posted in the district Sub-divisions, blocks and circle and also the RPI leaders, Urban bodies, Leaders etc. So that the launch can be successful as per schedule. DFCSOs are to prepare a brief on NFSO-2013 for the meeting.
2. Engage the staff of the following departments:- Agriculture (Agricultural Field Assistants) Horticulture (Horticultural Field Assistants), Health & Family Welfare, (ASHA), Rural Development Department (All field staffs), ICDS (Gramsevikas), Election (All the BLOs) who are not teachers, Veterinary department (Veterinary Field Assistants) and any other department if staffs from above departments are not required to complete the exercise of scrutiny, compilation of applications etc as per the schedule.
3. All the BPL and AAY ration cards should be recalled and exercise for fresh issue of ration cards as per the National Food Security Ordinance 2013 should be initiated so that the timeline as per the schedule can be adhered to.
4. The district wise break up of population is shown in the Annexure-I along with urban and rural coverage percentage. The Deputy Commissioners concerned should first earmark/ divide the numbers of beneficiaries circle wise after deducting the existing AAY figures. the Deputy Commissioners should ensure that the number of beneficiary and their percentage does not exceed the allotted quota of the district and any case of such excess will be the direct responsibility of concerned District Food & Civil Supply Officer/Deputy Commissioner.
5. The AAY beneficiary is inclusive of the figure shown in the annexure. The AAY beneficiary should also be reviewed and fresh application should be obtained from such beneficiary and same procedure of identification should be followed.
6. The Priority Household Ration Cards should be issued in the name of the eldest female member of the family. In case there is no female member whose age is 18 years, the eldest male member will be issued Priority Household Ration Card till a female member attains 18 years of age in whose name the Ration Card should be changed.

7. The data capturing format has been finalized by the Director of Food & Civil Supplies for Priority and AAY households which will be mailed to the DFCSO and it should be got printed in the district for which the Director of Food & Civil Supplies will place fund with the concerned District Food (Civil Supply Officers as and when allotted by the State Govt.
8. The Ration cards for Priority households, AAY Households including coupons will be centrally printed by the Director of Food & Civil Supplies which will be made available to you before commencement of issue of the Ration Cards.
9. The scale prescribed under the ordinance @ 5kg per person per month should be adhered to @ Rs. 3.00 (three) per kg.
10. The scale prescribed for AAY beneficiaries and its cost will remain the same.
11. However, the schemes under the APL, BPL and AAY will continue for another 180 days from the date of issue of the National Food Security Ordinance 2013. The new scheme will take effect from the date of completion of the works as per the schedule mentioned above. Even of the new Ration Cards are issued, the newly Identified consumers will start drawing their entitled quota only if such food grains are allotted by Govt. of India for this purpose.

The following schedule has been fixed for finalization of priority household and issue of fresh ration cards thereof:

- (i) Consumer should apply for ration card as per the data capturing format to be arranged for delivery to all designated circles by the DFCSO and be issued by ration card issuing authority from 20th Aug/2013 to 31st Aug/2013.
- (ii) The provisional list of such applicants should be published by 15th September 2013.
- (iii) Claims and objection should be filed from 16th September 2013 to 30th September 2013.
- (iv) Final hearing and disposal of the claims and objection is to be done 1st October 2013.
- (v) Issue of ration card should commence from 3rd October 2013 to 20th October 2013.
- (vi) Preparation for distribution of food grain under the scheme should commence from 21st October 2013 subject to receipt or allocation under NFSO from Govt. of India.

All Deputy Commissioners must ensure that the implementation of Ordinance is rolled out as per the schedule prescribed by the state Govt. For any lapses or shortfall in implementing the scheme, the concerned District food & Civil Supply Officer/ Deputy Commissioner will be held responsible and answerable to the State Government.

For any further clarification, the Director of Food & Civil Supplies should be contacted.

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Chief secretary.
