

Note sheet extract taken from FSA-181.HCMHM (FCS&CA)XCS

Note from pre-pages.

- This is regarding transportation cost and margin money to GPSS and FP shops for implementation of NFSA, 2013 in the State.
- It may be mentioned that preparatory activities for implementation of NFSA is expected to be completed by the end of this month.
- Government of India's letter regarding Central assistance under NFSA, 2013 may kindly be perused at **Sl.36<sup>C</sup> (Flag C)**. Government of India has fixed the transportation and handling charges @ ₹100/- and GPSS/FPS margin @ ₹143/- per quintal on 75:25 basis.
- Based on GoI letter a detailed calculation has been made as below :

NFSA:

Total population covered under NFSA	2,52,00,000
Total No of Priority household (PH) population	2,44,96,000
Total No of AAY household population	7,04,000
Total requirement of Rice for PH population @ 5 Kg	12,24,80,000 Kg
Total requirement of Rice for AAY population @ 35 Kg	2,46,40,000 Kg
Grand total of Rice requirement for NFSA in Assam	14,71,20,000 Kg
	=14,71,200 Qtl
	= 1,47,120MT

Transportation Cost:

GoI approved transportation charge	Rs.100/Qtl (75:25)
GoA approved transportation charge	Rs.136/ Qtl for plain area and Rs.150/Qtl for Hill and Riverine area
Transportation Cost to be borne by GoA	Rs 25 +Rs.36 =Rs.61/Qtl for plain area
	Rs.25+ Rs.50 = Rs. 75/Qtl for Hill and Riverine area
Average Transportation Cost to be borne by GoA	(Rs.61 + Rs.75) /2 = Rs.68/Qtl

Margin to GPSS & FPS:

GoI approved margin to GPSS & FP Shop	Rs.143/Qtl (75:25)
Margin Cost to borne by GoA	Rs.35.75/Qtl

Requirement of fund by State Govt./Month:

Requirement of fund as State share on Transportation Cost	14,71,200 x Rs.68 = Rs.10,00,41,600
Requirement of fund for margin & commission	14,71,200 x Rs.35.75 = Rs. 5,25,95,400
Grand total	Rs. 15,26,37,000

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Requirement of fund by GoI/Month:

Total requirement of fund for Transportation Cost from GoI	14,71,200 x Rs.75	= Rs. 11,03,40,000
Total requirement of fund for margin & commission from GoI	14,71,200 x Rs.107.25	= Rs. 15,77,86,200
Grand total		Rs. 26,81,26,200

- The requirement of fund for the State Government per month is approximately ₹15.25 crore and for the Central Government is ₹26.80 crore.
- Therefore, the total fund requirement from October, 2015 to March, 2015 (i.e. 6 months) for the State Government will be ₹15.25 crore × 6 = ₹91.50 crore.
- There is a budget provision of ₹100 crore under Non-Plan in the year 2015-2016 for this purpose.
- As per Government of India guidelines, before moving to Government of India for Central assistance, we will have to assure them that necessary State share has been made available.

In view of the above, necessary direction is solicited in this regard so that the matter can be taken up with Government of India for releasing the Central assistance under NFSA, 2013 to the State of Assam.

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**SECRET**

No.FSA.81/2009/.....

Date:3/1/2014

**CABINET MEMORANDUM**

(CIRCULATED UNDER RULE -17 OF THE ASSAM RULES OF EXECUTIVE BUSINESS 1968)

Subject: - **Implementation of the provisions of the National Food Security Act 2013.**

The National Food Security Ordinance was notified by the Govt of India in the Gazette on 5-7-2013. This has become an Act on 10-9-2013. Concerted efforts of various Departments like Finance, Health & Family welfare, Social welfare, Public Health Engineering, Cooperation are needed for the effective implementation of the provisions of the Act.

- (1) A Group of Ministers has been notified under the Chairmanship of Shri Prithivi Majhi, Hon'ble Minister, Labour Revenue and Disaster Management etc to guide in framing the State policy and coordinate with the different Heads of Departments.
- (2) The Govt of India had provided a set of basic guidelines for selection of eligible households. The Govt of India has specified that in respect to Assam, 84.17 % of the population of the rural areas and 60.35 % of the urban population would be covered. As per Census of 2011, the population of Assam is 3.12 crores, of which 2.68 crores reside in rural areas and 43 lakhs reside in urban areas. Therefore the beneficiary population would be 2.25 crores of the rural areas and 26.5 lakhs of the urban areas. Under AAY scheme, the number of beneficiary families are 7,04,000 in the State.
- (3) The other features are that women would be considered the heads of the households. 5 kgs of rice/ wheat/ coarse grains per person would be provided to the priority households per month, and 35 kgs rice would be provided to the AAY household beneficiaries. Rice would be provided at Rs 3 per kg, wheat and coarse grains would be provided at Rs 2 and Re 1 per kg respectively. Govt of India had fixed a time line of 365 days for implementation of the Act.
- (4) Doorstep delivery of food grains upto the FP shops would have to be ensured at Govt cost. The cost sharing directives will be issued by the Govt of India in due course.
- (5) Adequate food storage facilities would also be required. Food Security allowance will have to be provided by both Central and State Govts for failure to provide foodgrains to the eligible households.
- (6) In respect of selection of beneficiaries, the Govt of Assam has issued instructions to the Dcs/Councils /SDOs to select the eligible households (**Details in Annexure-1**)
- (7) A revised time bound action plan, fixed in the meeting held by Hon'ble Chief Minister with concerned Departments on 20-12-2013, with tentative ceremonial launch during first week of February 2014 has been made and instructions issued to the Districts / Councils / Subdivisions (**Annexure-2**)
- (8) The profit margin / commission to be paid to nominees / appointed dealers /retailers approved by the Group of Ministers is Rs 100 per quintal, to be shared between the FP



shops and the intermediate levels in the ratio of 70:30  
( **Annexure-3**)

- (9) The transportation rate , which is to be borne by the Govt under the Act, has been suggested by the Group of Ministers to be Rs 143 per quintal. The rates of transport will be decided , distancewise on the basis of expression of interest/ tender by a committee headed by the Deputy Commissioners/ Principal Secretaries of Councils.  
( **Annexure-3 and 4**)
- (10) The rate of printing of cards has been recommended by the Group of Ministers to be Rs 10 per card. The sample card has been approved. Ration cards are being printed in Assamese, Bengali and Bodo languages. For security purposes, each card will bear a hologram. The printing of cards is being done by the Printing and Stationery Deptt in the Assam Govt press , Bamunimaidan only. Approximately, 53 lakh cards will have to be printed.
- (11) The fund requirement for the implemenation of the Food Security Act in the State for the first three months is estimated to be Rs 109 crores ( **details at Annexure-3**). Further funds will be budgeted as per procedure.
- (12) Apprehended adverse impact on agriculture in Assam is sought to be addressed through planned procurement of paddy, and payment of minimum support price ( MSP) to farmers , as per decision of the meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary, Govt of Assam in the meeting held on 21-9-2013.
- (13) The condition of NFSA2013 regarding the setting up of a Food Commission is decided to be fulfilled temporarily by entrusting the Assam State Commission for Women , to perform the functions under the Act , until the regular Commission is set up. Draft rules are under preparation.
- (14) An Additional Deputy Commissioner will be notified in each District as the District Grievances Redressal Officer to perform duties as per provisions of the Act .
- (15) All Deputy Commissioners / Principal Secretaries of Councils have been asked to complete the software data entries under SIMS ( Stakeholders information management system) urgently to enable data entry of details of beneficiaries / intended ration card holders within a specified time.
- (16) Views of the Planning and Development Deptt- Planning and Development Deptt agree to support the draft Cabinet Memorandum no FSA 81/2009/.... Dated 3-1-14 for implementation of the provisions of the National Food Security Act 2013.
- (17) Views of the Cooperation Deptt- It is required to enhance 2,25,000 MT storage capacity of foodgrains under cooperative sector in addition to existing 141723 MT storage capacity.
- (18) Views of the Finance Deptt- It is presumed that , rates fixed by Group of Ministers ( GoM) for printing of ration cards / transportation costs/ profit margin / commission to be paid to nominee/ appointed dealers etc are based on technical inputs on the costs estimates provided by competent authorities of the concerned administrative Departments. Finance Deptt conveys its 'no objection' to the proposed Cabinet Memorandum subject to the conditions that (a) The rates approved by the GoM are the upper limits and (b) The actual should be based on transparent and competitive bidding as may be necessary.



## ENCLOSURE

Considering the above initiatives taken for implementation of the provisions of the National Food Security Act, the matter is placed before the Cabinet, as per requirement of rule 8 (18) of the second schedule under Part-1, ( Allocation and disposal of business ) of the Assam Rules of Executive Business 1968, for approval and decision on the following points -

(1) Selection criterion for NFSA beneficiaries, as recommended by the Group of Ministers is to be considered for approval.

(2) Profit margin/ commission to be paid to nominees / appointed dealers /retailers at Rs 100 per quintal of foodgrains is to be shared between intermediate nominees ( GPSS etc) and Fair price shops in the ratio of 30:70

(3) An upper ceiling of Rs 136 per quintal for plains areas and Rs 150 per quintal for hill and difficult areas is to be considered for payment of transportation charges. However actual rates of transporting foodgrains would be decided distancewise on the basis of expression of interest /NIT issued by the Dcs/ Principal Secretaries of Councils, which would be duly approved by the Govt of Assam.

(4) Printing of ration cards will be done by Assam Govt Press, Bamunimaidan and Rs 10 per ration card would be collected from the NFSA beneficiaries against each card issued.

(5) As an interim arrangement, the Assam State Commission for Women will act as State Food Commission and perform duties envisaged under National Food Security Act

(6) An ADC rank officer in each District may be notified to act as District Grievances Redressal Officer to perform duties under the National Food Security Act.

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