

**CHAPTER - 16 ( MANUAL – 15 )**

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN AN ELECTRONIC FORM**

- 16. 1. Please provide the details of the information related to the various Schemes which are available in the electronic format.**
- a) **NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT (NFSA)** :- The National Food Security Act (NFSA) was introduced by the Government of India in 2013. It is responsible for the provision of subsidized food grains to upto 75% of the rural population and 50% of the urban population of all states and Union Territories (UTs). The enactment of the NFSA marks a watershed in the approach to food security from welfare to a rights-based approach.
  - b) **ANTYODAYA ANNA YOJNA** :- Distribution of **35** Kgs of Rice per month to each of the eligible poorest family in the State at the price of Rs. **3/-** per Kilogram.
  - c) **PRIORITY HOUSEHOLD (PHH)** :- Distribution of **5** Kgs of Rice per head per month to each **PHH** family at the price of Rs. **3/-** per Kilogram.
  - d) **NON-NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT( NON-NFSA)** :- Distribution of **7.05** kgs of Rice to the **Non-NFSA** beneficiaries per month at the price of **Rs. 11/- to Rs. 13/-** per Kilogram (the price rates are fixed by the respective DCs/SDOs).
  - e) **PRICE MONITORING CELLS(PMC)** :- Under the Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) monitor and analyse the retail and the wholesale prices of 22 essential commodities to give advance feedback for taking appropriate policy interventions to ensure the availability of essential commodities and keep price of the item under control on a daily basis. Districts of Shillong, Tura and Jowai have already been merged in the Price Monitoring System (PMS) application.
  - f) **COMPUTERIZATION Dte** :-
    - 1) Annual Maintenance Contract(AMC)
      - a) Repair, maintenance, and servicing of the existing Computers, Laptops, Xerox, Printers, Scanners Machines, etc.
    - 2) Procurement of stationeries items, office table & chairs, and Cartridges.
  - g) **FPS AUTOMATION** :- The FPS automation is envisaged to work on mostly on online mode and can work in offline mode in areas where connectivity is unavailable. All Fair Price Shops will be equipped with electronic Point of Sale (ePoS) devices with mobile internet connectivity (3G/4G). The supply of foodgrain at Fair Price Shops will

be manual, but the sale of foodgrain to beneficiaries will be carried out through the ePoS devices with proper authentication (Aadhaar based/OTP based) at the time of transaction, and all such transactions are to be carried out on the ePoS devices and recorded on PDS server. The printed receipt of transaction to be given to the beneficiary and an audio announcement from ePoS device shall also be made functional.

- h) **ONE NATION ONE RATION CARD(ONORC)** :- The government's new initiative 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme enables NFSA ration card holders to get their supply of food grains from any fair price shop across the country. The scheme is a boon to segments like migrant workers employed in different states of the country. It may be mentioned that the Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Government of India is pressing hard for implementation of Fair Price Shop Automation along with Aadhaar seeding in the State.
- i) **CONSUMER PROTECTION** :- Creation of awareness amongst the consumers about their rights as envisaged under the ***Consumer Protection Act, 2019*** and facilitate settlement of Consumer disputes through Consumers Courts set up under the provisions of the above Act.
- j) **ANNAPURNA** :- Distribution of **10** Kgs of Rice free of cost to each eligible indigent Old Age Person not covered under the ***National Old Age Pension Scheme***. However ,allotment from Govt. of India was last received on September 2018 in reduced quantity due to which distribution to beneficiaries was also reduced to 3.86 kgs per head.