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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution/

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय

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Dated/ दिनांक: 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2026

To,

The Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries,  
Department of Food and Civil Supplies,  
All States and UTs.

**Subject: Temporary discontinuation of supply of fortified rice under Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and Other Welfare Schemes of Government of India- reg.**

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to convey that with it has been decided to temporarily discontinue the universal supply of fortified rice under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) and Other Welfare Schemes of the Government of India, until a more effective mechanism for delivery of nutrients to beneficiaries is identified.

2. In pursuance of the above decision of the Government and to ensure complete utilization of existing Fortified Rice (FR) and Fortified Rice Kernels (FRK) stocks the following phase wise implementation is envisaged:

- i. In States/UTs where the FRK empanelment tender process has not yet been finalized, the process may be discontinued with immediate effect. No fresh empanelment of FRK manufacturers shall be undertaken in any State/UT.
- ii. FRK batches currently under manufacture shall upload requisite details on the FORTTRACE portal latest by 30.03.2026. The portal will not allow any FRK batches to be uploaded thereafter.
- iii. For KMS 2025-26 (Kharif Crop), as well as pending receipts from KMS 2024-25, States/UTs may, as a transitional measure, deliver either Fortified Rice or non-fortified rice, at their option, keeping in view operational considerations.
- iv. From KMS 2025-26 (Rabi Crop) onwards, only non-fortified rice shall be procured.
- v. Fortified Rice (FR) available in the Central Pool as on date, including pending receipts from KMS 2024-25 and receivables from KMS 2025-26, shall continue to be distributed under PMGKAY and other Welfare Schemes until existing stocks are exhausted.

States/UTs are requested to take necessary action to ensure smooth operational transition in accordance with the above directions and to issue suitable instructions to implementing agencies to ensure compliance.

4. This has the approval of the competent authority.

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- (2) Secretary, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance, New Delhi.
- (3) Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development, New Delhi.
- (4) Secretary, Dept. of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, New Delhi.
- (5) Secretary, Dept. of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi.
- (6) Secretary, Dept. of Health Research and DG, ICMR, New Delhi.
- (7) Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, New Delhi.
- (8) Secretary, Dept. of Agriculture Research and Education, New Delhi.
- (9) Secretary, Dept. of Economic Affairs, New Delhi.
- (10) Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi.
- (11) CEO, FSSAI, New Delhi.
- (12) CMD, FCI, New Delhi.
- (13) DG, BIS, New Delhi.
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2. Cabinet Secretariat [Kind Attention: Shri S.G.P. Varghese, Joint Secretary], New Delhi.