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C I R C U L A R

It has been noticed that at present several Government Authorities insist on production of ration cards either singly or alongwith other documents for purposes of identity for availing benefits of various public services. This has perhaps led to claim of ration cards even by those who have no intention of buying public Distribution System (PDS) items from Fair Price Shops (FPS). The prevalence of such cards lead to leakage of essential PDS items. Considering that there are a very large number of false ration cards circulating in the State due to whatever lacunae there are in the procedure of their issues, it is felt that not to add one more reason for such superfluous ration cards.

In order to stop misuse or family ration cards singly as identity, it has been decided by the Government that the administrative wings in the Government should not insist on production of ration cards for identification purpose. Other valid documents like passport, driving licence, voter's identity card, bank pass book or identity card issued by Income Tax Authorities could be considered for verifying the identity of individuals by the State Government and its agencies.

The respective departments if necessary may delete the provision of production of ration cards in respective ~~Act/~~ Rules/Notification etc.

Despite of these instructions, if any Dept. insists on production of ration cards for identity the matter will be viewed seriously.

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