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Department of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs

Circular

DCS/ENF/RC-TPDS/2024-25/1225

Sub.:- Limiting use of Ration Card for the purchase of essential commodities.

Ref.:- Notification No. DCS/ENF/RC/15-16/58 dated 5th June, 2015 published in the Official Gazette, Series I No. 12 dated 18th June, 2015.

It has come to the notice that some Government Departments are insisting on production of ration cards for the purpose of availing benefits under various schemes/public services. This is prompting citizens to file applications claiming for ration cards even though they may not have intention of availing Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) commodities from the Fair Price Shops (FPS).

The term "Ration Card" is defined in Section 2 (16) of the National Food Security Act, 2013 as "a document issued under an order or authority of the State Government for the purchase of essential commodities from the Fair Price Shops under the Targeted Public Distribution System". Further, sub-clause 6 of clause 4 of the Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2015 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi, states that ration card should not be used as document of identity or proof of residence.

The Government of Goa has previously issued Notification referred above to that effect in June 2015, however some Government organisations/ /departments continue to insist for Ration Cards as identity proof or proof of residence from citizens for availing benefits/schemes/public services.

Therefore in order to stop use of ration cards issued under Targeted Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2015 as proof of residence/identity, all Government Departments/Corporations/other Government bodies are requested to stop insisting on ration cards as proof of residence/identity and are further requested to delete the provision of accepting ration cards as proof for availing the schemes/public services issued by Government Departments/Corporations/Bodies.

This issues with the approval of the Government.

Panaji, 2nd August, 2024.— The Director & Ex-officio Jt. Secretary (Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs), *Jayant G. Tari.*