NOTIFICATION

Subject: Guidelines for constitution/re-constitution of Block Level Vigilance Committees (BLVC) and their functioning — thereof.

For ensuring transparency and proper functioning of the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) and accountability of the functionaries in such system, the Government of Tripura, in pursuance of the section 29 of the National Food Security Act 2013, has decided to constitute/re-constitute Block Level Vigilance Committees (BLVC) for TPDS in each RD blocks of the State with immediate effect.

2. The composition of the Block Level Vigilance Committee shall be as follows:-

(i) Chairperson of the concerned Panchayat Samiti/Block Advisory Committee will be the Chairman of the BLVC.

(ii) One selected representative, preferably from Local Bodies/NGOs/Retired officials/Educationist/eminent persons etc. of the concerned Block area, preferably women, if available.

(iii) One representative either from Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes community.

(iv) One representative of the administrative department, as concerned AD (Food)/SDC(Food)/CI (Food)/Inspector (Food), any of them as decided by the SDM.

(v) One representative of any local Merchant Association preferably Secretary/President of Merchant Association.

(vi) One member of destitute person or persons with disability or from religious minority, as available.

(vii) BDO of the concerned Block will function as Member Secretary of the committee.

The committee, not more than 7 (seven) members in all, including Chairman and Member Secretary, will be constituted by the concerned SDMs(including Municipal Council or nagar Panchayat Areas) in accordance with this guideline and shall issue necessary Memorandum in this regard. The members of the Committee would be selected and proposed by the BDO in consultation with the PRIs/ULBs.

3. Powers and functions of the Block Level Committee shall be as follows:-

The BLVCs shall perform the functions as defined under section 29(2) of the National Food Security Act 2013, which are as follows:
29. (2) The Vigilance Committees shall perform the following functions, namely:—
(a) regularly supervise the implementation of all schemes under this Act;
(b) inform the District Grievance Redressal Officer, in writing, of any violation of the provisions of this Act; and
(c) inform the District Grievance Redressal Officer, in writing, of any malpractice or misappropriation of funds found by it.

4. (i) The committee would meet at a regular interval, but not less than one meeting a quarter as prescribed under the TPDS (Control) Order 2015. For holding meeting, notice to be issued 7 (seven) days before the meeting and proper record of proceedings may be maintained regarding issues discussed in the meeting for onward reporting to the Central Government as per specified format. The number of meetings held by the vigilance committees shall be displayed on the State e-PDS portal and the action taken on issues discussed in meetings of vigilance committees shall be reviewed in the next meeting.

(ii) The copy of the minutes of the meetings should be sent to the concerned SDMs and also to the District Level/Sub Divisional Vigilance Committee/District Grievance Redressal Officer (DGRO), as the case may be, for taking further steps were needed at their level.

(iii) The Committees would carry out other functions as may be assigned to them by the State Government/Director, FCS&CA from time to time.

5. All the existing BLVCs shall be re-constituted under the new guideline, if differs from the existing one, and the Committees will function normally for 5 (five) years in each term and or as may be decided by the Government.

6. This is circulated for information, guidance and necessary action by all concerned and issued under statutory provisions of National Food Security Act 2013 and in supersession of all earlier Memorandums issued from time to time.

7. This will take immediate effect and until further order.

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To:
1. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate
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**All SDMs are requested to arrange sending of hard copies of this Notification, as provided in required numbers, to respective BDOs under their jurisdiction.**

2. All The Block Development Officers of the State. (through E-mail)

3. All D.O. Issuing Authority.............................. for information and necessary action.

Copy forwarded to :-

i) The DM & Collector, North /Unokuti / Dhalai / Khowai / West Tripura / Sipahijala/Gomuti / South Tripura District for information and necessary action.

All ADMs in their respective jurisdiction has already been designated by the State Government as District Grievance Redressal Officer (DGRO) under NFSA 2013 for expeditious and effective redressal of grievances of aggrieved persons in matters relating to distribution of foodgrains or meals, as the case may be.

ii) The Director, Panchayat / Urban Development Department / Social Welfare & Social Education / School Education.

iii) The Commissioner, AMC, Agartala / The CEO, TTAADC, Tripura.

iv) DDF, Dharmanagar / Udaipur / O/C, Central Stores, A.D.Nagar, Agartala.

v) Establishment/General/PP/PP(PD)/Civil Supplies/Litigation/Transport & Storage/ IT Section of this directorate.

Copy also forwarded to :

i) The Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Tripura.

ii) The PS to the Hon’ble Minister of FCS&CA / Panchayat / Urban Development Department.

(iii) The PS to the Hon’ble Mayor, AgartalaMunicipal Corporation, Agartala.

(iv) The Chief Secretary, Tripura.

(v) The Secretary , FCS&CA, Government of Tripura.

(vi) The Secretary, Panchayat/Urban Development Department/Rural Development/Social Welfare & Social Education / School Education.

(vii) The Director, printing and Stationary Department, Tripura to bring out the Notification in an extra-ordinary issue of Tripura Gazette and arrange to provide 100 copies of the same to FCS&CA department.

(viii) The Director, Information and Cultural Affairs, Tripura with a request to arrange wide publicity of the content of the Notification through local newspapers, DDK & AIR.

(ix) Shri Rakesh Chaudhuri, Senior Programmer, e-PDS Programme, Directorate of FCS&CA deptt., Tripura, Agartala for uploading in departmental e-PDS portal.

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