

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & CIVIL SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

O/o. CCS, VJA,

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Date: 31/03/2024

From The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Food & Civil Supplies Department, Vijayawada	To 1. The Director, GVWV & GSWS, Vijayawada, 2. The SIO, NIC AP Unit, Vijayawada 3. All the Collector (CS) of 26 districts
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Sub: Elections to the Legislative Assembly and House of People, 2024 in Andhra Pradesh: Keeping volunteers out of elections and placing restrictions on the volunteers during the course of elections - Certain instructions for PDS Distribution for April-2024 - Issued - Reg.

Ref: Lr. No. 437/AP/SOU3/2024 Dated 30th March, 2024 by under Secretary, Election Commission of India.

As the April PDS distribution is about to start from 01-04-2024, and PDS distribution involves Volunteers in certain duties like accompany MDU vehicle during distribution in their clusters, Volunteer authentication distribution for biometric failure cases etc.

Vide reference cited, under Secretary, Election Commission of India has issued instructions that Volunteers shall be barred from distribution of benefits under any scheme to eligible beneficiaries. And also instructed to make alternative arrangement for distribution of benefits of ongoing schemes to already selected beneficiaries preferably or through other regular government employees.

In this regard, the following instructions are issued in view of PDS distribution for the month of April, 2024

a. NIC e-PDS & e-PoS Teams are hereby instructed to disable the volunteer authentication module during the April -2024 distribution and also remove the details of volunteers in the distribution module.

b. Option shall be enabled to map the VRO's in place of volunteers for IRIS and Fusion finger failure cases for PDS distribution.

c. The GSWS department is hereby requested to instruct the volunteers not to accompany the MDU Vehicles in PDS distribution.

d. The Collector (CS) are hereby instructed to issue necessary instructions to filed functionaries to make use of IRIS and Fusion Finger options in PDS distribution for biometric failure cases and VRO's shall be mapped in place of volunteers for IRIS and Fusion finger failure cases for PDS distribution.

All the District Administration staff involved in PDS distribution are here by instructed to make necessary arrangements to make sure that the above instructions are implemented without any deviation.

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Commissioner of Civil Supplies**

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1. Sr. Technical Director, e-PDS Team, NIC AP Unit, Vijayawada
2. Scientist, e-PoS Team, NIC AP Unit, Hyderabad
3. District Administration staff of 26 districts.