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25th May, 2015

D.O. No. 14(12)/2014-Comp Cell

Dear

Please refer to my d.o. letter of even number dated 11.11.2014 wherein this Department had sent Guidelines for Fair Price Shop (FPS) Automation along with the minimum specifications of Point of Sale Devices and Mobile Terminals.

2. Some representations regarding technical specification of the devices have been received. Accordingly, a Technical committee under the chairmanship of DDG, NIC reviewed the specifications in light of representations made by the industry. NIC has now finalized the technical specifications of Point of Sale (PoS) devices and mobile terminals and a copy thereof is annexed. It is also suggested that mobile terminals may be given preference over Point of Sale Device for FPS automation for reasons of its cost, inter-operability and ease of maintenance. The States/UTs also have an option to use Micro ATM PoS device for the automation of FPS. ECIL and BEL have informed that they are already manufacturing PoS device/ mobile terminals which meet the specifications now finalised for PoS/mobile terminals for FPSs. The States/UTs may also have a look at these devices as an option.
3. In January 2015, this Department has signed a MoU with STQC copy of which is available on the Department website. The revised specification of PoS device and mobile terminal is being shared with STQC (Dte. under DeitY) for certifying the device. NIC has already prepared application software (App) for the android and windows environments in this regard. As regard financial assistance, Government has approved FPS dealers' margins under NFSA which also includes reimbursement of Rs. 17/qtl. for their expenditure towards purchase and operations of the PoS/Mobile Terminal device at the FPS for automation.
4. In view of the above, we hope that now the State Governments should be in a position to fast track the fair price shop automation

With regards,

Encl.: As above

Principal Secretary/Secretary,
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Copy for information to: DDG, NIC (Sh. Gautam Ghosh).

Yours sincerely,


(Deepak Kumar)