

## **FAQs on National Food Security Act, 2013**

**1. When the National Food Security Act, 2013 (NFSA) has come into force in the State of Uttar Pradesh?**

The National Food Security Act, 2013 has been implemented in 28 districts of UP from 01-Jan-2016 and remaining 47 districts of UP from 01-Mar-2016 with the objective to provide food and nutritional security by ensuring access to adequate quantity of quality food at affordable prices.

**2. What are the entitlements for foodgrains under NFSA?**

Every person belonging to identified eligible households is entitled to receive 5 Kg of foodgrains per person per month at subsidized prices under TPDS. The existing Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) households, which constitute the poorest of the poor, will continue to receive 35 Kg of foodgrains per household per month.

**3. What are the prices at which foodgrains will be provided to the entitled beneficiaries?**

Foodgrains under TPDS under the Act will be made available at subsidized prices of Rs. 3/- and Rs. 2/- per Kg for rice and wheat respectively under priority category.

**4. Does sugar/kerosene fall under NFSA?**

No. Only rice and wheat fall under NFSA. But since sugar and kerosene is for all, even the NFSA beneficiaries can avail sugar and kerosene accordingly.

**5. How does NFSA empower women?**

Under NFSA Act, 2013 the eldest women who is not less than 18 years of age in every eligible household shall be head of the household for the purpose of issue of ration card.

**6. Whether the entire population of the State is covered under the Act to receive the subsidized foodgrains?**

Under this Act 79.56% of the rural population comprising of 12.34 crore and 64.43% of the urban population comprising of 2.87 crore individuals totaling to 15.21 crore individuals will be covered in Uttar Pradesh under priority household category.

**7. How and by whom the eligible households for coverage under TPDS will be identified?**

Within the coverage under TPDS determined for each State, the work of identification of eligible households is being done by State. The State Government has issued a Government Order on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 for identification of priority households under NFSA and the criteria notified is as under: -

**Exclusion Criteria for Rural Areas:**

- 1) All Income Tax Payee
- 2) Households having Four Wheeler/Tractor/Harvester/Air Conditioner or Generator of 5KVA or above capacity.
- 3) Household having Irrigational Land of 5 acres or more ( For southern region of Kaimur Range in Bundelkhand and Sonbhadra this limit will be of 7.5 acres)
- 4) Households having annual income of Rs 2.0 lakh and above
- 5) Households having more than one Arms Licenses/ Arms.

**Inclusion Criteria for Rural Areas:**

- 1) Following individuals or their family :-
  - a) Beggars
  - b) Domestic workers
  - c) Cobblers
  - d) Street Vendors, Hawkers, Rickshaw pullers etc.
  - e) Suffering from Leprosy/AIDS
  - f) Orphan children
  - g) Swachhkaar
  - h) Daily wage worker like coolie, palledaar etc.
- 2) Landless laborers
- 3) Households below poverty line (On the basis of verified income certificate from Revenue Department)
- 4) Abandoned Women
- 5) Households having destitute women/physically challenged or mentally disabled person as head of family with no other adult male member.
- 6) Houseless family and households living in Kutcha house on self owned land up to 30 sq. meters.
- 7) Transgender individuals( If not under exclusion criteria)
- 8) All other households which are not mentioned above( in increasing order of income)

**Exclusion Criteria for Urban Areas:**

- 1) All Income Tax Payee
- 2) Households having Four Wheeler/Air Conditioner or Generator of 5KVA or above capacity.
- 3) Households having (in individual or combined ownership with other member) residential plot greater than 100 sq. meters or self built house over it or residential flat of more than 100 sq. meter carpet area.
- 4) Households having (in individual or combined ownership with other member) commercial place of 80 sq. meter or greater carpet area.
- 5) Households having total annual income of all members greater than Rs. 3.0 lakh.
- 6) Households having more than one Arms Licenses/ Arms.

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- 1) Following individuals or their family:-
  - a) Suffering from Leprosy/AIDS
  - b) Orphan children
  - c) Abandoned Women
  - d) Rag picker/Cleaner
- 2) Households with main source of income from the following:-
  - a) Begging
  - b) Domestic Work
  - c) Cobbling
  - d) Street Vendor/Hawker/Rickshaw puller etc.
- 3) Families of SC/ST and thereafter other categories of landless labourers having head of family working as daily wage labourer like coolie, palledaar etc.
- 4) Households below poverty line (On the basis of verified income certificate from Revenue Department)
- 5) Households with destitute women/physically challenged/mentally disabled head of family with no other adult male member.
- 6) Houseless family
- 7) Families living in houses without durable roof
- 8) Transgender individuals( If not under exclusion criteria)
- 9) All other households which are not mentioned above( in increasing order of income)

**8. What is the transparency portal for TPDS?**

All States/UTs have been asked to develop a single transparency portal which should have all TPDS related data and information available for public view without restriction on access and the same should be widely publicized. The transparency portal of Food & Civil Supplies Dept, UP – <http://fcs.up.nic.in> hosts information in public domain, such as lists of beneficiaries, Fair Price Shops, Storage godowns, F&CS offices / officers, monthly allocation, actual off-take etc. The content on the portal is bilingual (Hindi & English). Information about dispatch of foodgrains to Fair Price Shops is disseminated through SMS to the registered individuals in the local community.

**9. What are the aims and objectives of the scheme 'End-to-end Computerization of TPDS Operations' in the country?**

Computerization of TPDS operations has been taken up with the aim to improve the efficiency of the current system and to address various challenges such as leakages and diversion of foodgrains, fake and bogus ration cards, lack of transparency and weak grievance redressal mechanisms.

**10. Does NFSA increase the number of beneficiaries to get ration at Rs. 2/- & Rs. 3/-?**

As per the previous TPDS system, only AAY families comprising of 16.22 lakh individuals were getting ration on Rs. 2/- and Rs. 3/- where as under NFSA, 14.38 crore individuals are getting ration at these rates.

**11. Who are excluded in the State out of purview of NFSA?**

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**12. Where can I locate my ration card?**

The entire digitized beneficiary list with basic information has been uploaded on the State PDS Portal and can be viewed by anyone on <http://fcs.up.nic.in>

**13. Where can I register complaint related to ration card/ration distribution or other PDS activities?**

The complainant can register his/her complaint on Toll Free No. **1800 1800 150** or may directly register complaint on web portal <http://fcs.up.nic.in> through the link “ऑनलाइन शिकायत प्रेषित करें/Online Grievances”.