



SMART-PDS, a technological driven initiative should be implemented in all States/UTs: Shri Piyush Goyal

SMART-PDS is a technological driven initiative and the need of hour, therefore, all the States/UTs should make earnest efforts to implement SMART-PDS at the earliest, said Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce & Industries while addressing Conference of Food Ministers of all States/UTs.

The Union Minister emphasised on a transparent and accountable system urging to reduce human intervention and promote automation in the existing processes. He said transparency should be of utmost importance for free supply chain of foodgrains under Public Distribution System.

Shri Piyush Goyal appreciated Andhra Pradesh Command Control and stated that Central Government along with State Government will work together for implementing in other states also. On the Storage front, the Union Minister stated that Food Corporation of India (FCI) is upgrading their godowns into 5 star rated Godown and State Governments can also upgrade their godowns. With regard to settlement of pending claims of State Governments, he told that it is being done on priority basis and would be settled immediately.

This conference paves the way for bringing a renewed sense of progress and growth in the sector of food and public distribution. The Conference provided a platform to States/UTs to further their cause and acted as a catalyst in providing viable solutions to the problems faced by them. It also highlighted the achievements of States/UTs and thus motivated others to pave a progressive and innovative path.

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