No.OSFC-110/2016-18/FC, Bhubaneswar, dated the 12th December, 2016.

From: Shri Ranglal Jamuda, IAS (Retd.),
Chairperson.

To: All Collectors.

Sub: Strict enforcement of provisions of the OPDS (Control) Order, 2016.

Madam/Sir,

As per the provisions in the OPDS (Control) Order 2016, the Sub-Collectors are the licensing authorities except the Municipal Corporation areas (Bhubaneswar, Cuttack, Sambalpur, Rourkela and Berhampur) where the respective ADMs are the licensing authorities for the retailers of fair price shops (FPSs). It has been specified under clause 10(1)(m) that the licenses of FPS shall have to discharge specific duties failing which such licences can be cancelled. It is invariably being noticed that no information is being displayed in the notice board indicating the name and address of the authority before whom grievance may be made or complaint petition can be filed with respect to quantity, quality and price of essential commodities.

2. It is further being observed that in the coastal belt of the State, majority of the licensees are private individuals and very few cases relate to Gram Panchayats. Whereas in the KBK region and in the western Odisha the majority of the licensees are the Gram Panchayats and very few relatives happen to be private individuals.

3. As it appears, the licensing authorities are not enforcing the provisions specified in the licenses issued by them.

4. You are, therefore, requested to impress upon the Sub-Collectors and concerned ADMs to strictly enforce the license conditions in the best interest of the consumers.

Yours faithfully,
Chairperson

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Copy to the Principal Secretary to Government, FS & CW Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar/ Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government, Panchayati Raj Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar / RDC, North (Sambalpur)/ RDC, South (Berhampur) and RDC Central (Cuttack) Division for favour of information and suitable action.

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Copy to the Member Secretary, Odisha State Food Commission. She is requested to take necessary follow up action from time to time.

Chairperson