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Chandigarh, February 8:- The Chandigarh Administration is going to implement the Smart Card based PDS by end of February, 2010. The camps for the collection of bio-metrics and photographs of family members have already been held in Sectors 25, 26 and Palsora. During the course of the camps, data has been captured for 1356 BPL card holders. The biometrics and photographs of 6522 persons have been recorded during the camps. The area attached to five fair price shops namely M/s Arihant Provision Store (Sector-25), M/s Mool Chand Jagdish Rai Store (Sector-25), M/s Roop Narayan Provision Store (Palsora), M/s Garg Provision Store (Palsora) and M/s Narang Provision Store (Sector-26) has been covered in the camps held so far. On the spot verification of the beneficiaries is being done by the Inspectors of the Food & Supplies Department. During the verification of the card holders, a total of 50 BPL cards and 20 AAY cards have been cancelled and additions/deletions have been made in around 70 cases.

The smart card scheme aims at streamlining the functioning of the Food and Supplies Department by ensuring improvised and efficient service delivery. The smart card system envisions setting up of Point of Sale (POS) terminals in all the fair price shops (FPSs) of the city. The identity of the smart card holder would be established by means of biometric impression of the holder on his inserting the card in the POS terminal.

The smart card with a 64 Kb capacity would hold biometric data of the family members of the card holder. The beneficiary would be able to know the ration allocation made so far and also the remaining balance in his account.

The administration has selected M/s HCL System Integrator for the implementation of the project.