



ABSTRACT

Public Distribution System – Implementation of National Food Security Act, 2013 in Tamil Nadu - Orders issued – Supply of wheat at free of cost – Orders – Issued.

Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (D1) Department

G.O. (Ms.) No. 16

Dated : 02.02.2017

திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2047
துன்முகி வருடம், தை மாதம் 20-ஆம் நாள்

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms.) No.124, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection (B1) Department, dated 27.10.2016.
2. From Government of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, letter No.1-8/2013-BP-III (Vol.II) dated 27.10.2016
3. From the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department, letter No.E3/21694/2016, dated 11.11.2016

ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, orders were issued that National Food Security Act will be implemented in Tamil Nadu from 1st November 2016 by retaining the universal character of Public Distribution System and protecting the erstwhile entitlements. It has also been ordered that all the rice cardholders will be eligible for 5 kg of rice per person (including a child) per month or the earlier entitlement, which is higher. Further, there shall be no upper ceiling of 20 Kg per card per month and rice will continue to be supplied free of cost to all rice cardholders.

2. As per the allocation made by Government of India in its letter second read above, in addition to rice, Tamil Nadu is entitled to receive 8,893 MT of wheat at Rs.2/- per kg and 4,592 MT of wheat at Rs.6.10 per kg, as tide over totaling 13,485 MT of wheat per month. Thus, the allocation of wheat is 1.62 lakh MT out of the total allocation of 36.78 lakh MT of food grains per annum under National Food Security Act.

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3. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection in her letter 3rd read above, has reported that on implementation of National Food Security Act, wheat cannot be sold to priority households at more than Rs.2/- per kg (Central Issue Price). Moreover, rice is being supplied under Public Distribution System to priority households as well as non priority households at free of cost. She has therefore suggested to supply wheat in lieu of rice and this option be made available only to rice cardholders. She has further suggested that the cardholders may be permitted to exercise their option to get wheat in lieu of rice within the entitlement of food grains as ordered in G.O.(Ms.) No.124, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection (B1) Department, dated 27.10.2016. For example, in a 5 member family, out of 25 Kg of entitled food grains, one can opt for getting 10/ 5 kg of wheat and the remaining quantity 15/ 20 kg as rice. She has also suggested that the scale of supply of wheat in Public Distribution System may be continued as per existing instructions i.e., 10 Kg in Chennai and District headquarters and 5 kg in other areas.

4. The Government has examined the proposal of Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection carefully and accordingly, directs as follows:

- i) All the rice cardholders be permitted to exercise their option to get wheat in lieu of rice within the entitlement of foodgrains as ordered in G.O.(Ms.) No.124, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, dated 27.10.2016.
- ii) Wheat will be supplied at free of cost to all rice cardholders, subject to availability of wheat, as per the following existing norms:
 - a. Chennai City including its Belt area - 10 kg per card per month
 - b. District Headquarters - 10 kg per card per month
 - c. Areas other than District Headquarters- 5 kg per card per month

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.578/ACS(F)/P/2017, dated 01.02.2017.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

PRADEEP YADAV
Principal Secretary to Government

To
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The Principal Secretary/Managing Director,
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Chennai – 600 010.

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The Registrar of Co-operative Societies,
Chennai – 600 010.
The Director General of Police,
Civil Supplies-CID, Chennai – 600 035.
The Registrar,
State Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission,
Chennai – 600 003.
All District Collectors,

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The Secretary to Government of India,
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The Principal Secretary to Governor, Raj Bhawan, Guindy,
Chennai-600 032.
The Principal Secretary-II to Hon'ble Chief Minister,
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The Private Secretary to Principal Secretary to Government,
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