



ABSTRACT

Public Distribution System – Relief measures to control spreading of Corona Virus Disease - Distribution of Cash support of Rs.1000/- to all rice cardholders and issue of essential commodities at free of cost during the month of April 2020 – Orders issued

Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection (F1) Department

G.O. (Ms) No. 41

Dated: 24.03.2020

விகாரி வருடம், பங்குனி-11
திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு-2051

Read:

1. G.O. (Ms) No.14, Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, dated 11.02.2020
2. From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Chennai-10, Letter RC No. BS6/39836/2018, Dated 23.03.2020
3. From the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Chennai-5 Letter No.இ2/8088/2020, dated 24.03.2020.

ORDER:-

In the G.O. first read above, the Government have extended the scheme of Special Public Distribution System for a period of one year from March 2020 to February 2021 with supply of one dal i.e. Tur Dal / Canadian Yellow Lentil and Palmolein Oil to meet 100% requirement of the existing family cardholders. Tur Dal/ Canadian Yellow Lentil and Palmolein Oil are being supplied at the rate of Rs.30/- per kg. and Rs.25/- per litre respectively. Sugar is supplied at the rate of Rs.25 /- per kg.

2. Since Novel Corona Virus has affected the State of Tamil Nadu, the State Government is taking effective measures on war-footing basis to control the spreading of the disease. Considering the difficulties faced by the people of Tamil Nadu, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following announcements:-

"To distribute Cash Support of Rs.1000/- to all rice cardholders and supply of Rice, Tur Dal/ Canadian Yellow Lentil, RBD Palmolein Oil and Sugar to all the entitled family cardholders through Public Distribution System at free of cost during the month of April 2020 only. To reduce overcrowding at Fair Price Shops, token system may be adopted for the issue of Cash Support of Rs.1000/-

(ii) In case of beneficiaries who are not willing to avail the Cash Support of Rs.1000/- and commodities issued at free of cost, they can register their unwillingness in the Website (www.tnpds.gov.in) or Mobile App (**tnepds app**) by indicating their card number, which will automatically lock Public Distribution System data systems in respect of benefits to the registered persons.

(iii) The family Cardholders who have not obtained the Public Distribution System Commodities for month of March 2020, may get their Public Distribution System Commodities during April 2020.

(iv) The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is appointed as Nodal Agency for distribution of Cash Support and commodities. Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation will also release advance to the respective societies.

(v) All District Collectors except Chennai District will be fully responsible to implement the distribution of the Cash Support of Rs.1,000/- to all rice cardholders well in advance. In case of Chennai District the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department will be fully responsible to implement the distribution of Cash Support of Rs.1,000/- to all rice cardholders well in advance and will coordinate with the Additional Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai Region, the Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection of North and South Zone, Senior Regional Manager, North and South of Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection is instructed to adhere to the above instructions scrupulously.

6. The Government accordingly sanction a sum of Rs.2187,80,68,000/- (Rupees two thousand one hundred and eighty-seven crore, eighty lakh and sixty-eight thousand only) to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection towards the relief stated in para-5 above. (Cash Support Rs.2014,69,93,000/- + Essential Commodities Rs.173,10,75,000/-).

7. The expenditure sanctioned in para 6 above shall be debited to the following head of account:-

"3456-00 CIVIL SUPPLIES 103. Consumer Subsidies State's Expenditure - AE. Social Safety Net - Food Security - PDS support 311. Subsidies 02. General Subsidy"
(IFHRMS DPC: 3456 00 103 AE 31102)

8. The expenditure sanctioned at para-6 shall be met from the funds provided in BE 2020-2021. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department is authorized to draw and disburse the amount to the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation sanctioned in para-6 above.

and issue of essential commodities at free of cost during the month of April 2020. In case of beneficiaries who are not willing to avail the Cash Support of Rs.1000/- and commodities issued at free of cost, they can register their unwillingness in the Website and Mobile App by indicating their card number, which can automatically lock Public Distribution System data systems in respect of benefits to the registered persons.

The family Cardholders who have not obtained the Public Distribution System Commodities for month of March 2020, may get their Public Distribution System Commodities for the month of March 2020 during April 2020 along with their entitlement for the month of April 2020".

3. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection has stated that as on 24.03.2020, total number of Rice Cards in circulation is 2,01,46,993. Accordingly the estimated cost for distribution of Cash Support to all Rice Cardholders works out to Rs.2014,69,93,000/-.

4. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation has furnished the monthly details of allotment and selling price of Dal, RBD Palmolein Oil and Sugar issued through Public Distribution System as follows:-

Sl. No.	Name of the Commodity	Allotment February 2020 (In MTs)	Selling Rate (Rs.)	Total Cost (per month) (Rs.)	
1	Dal	20,000	30,000 per MT	60,00,00,000	
2	RBD Palmolein Oil 1litre pouches	1,56,00,000 pouches	Rs.25/- per pouch of one litre	39,00,00,000	
3	Sugar	AAY	2,950	13,500 per MT	3,98,25,000
		Others	28,050	25,000 per MT	70,12,50,000
Grand Total				173,10,75,000	

5. In the circumstances stated in para-2 above, the Government direct the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, to distribute Cash Support of Rs.1000/- to all rice cardholders and to supply Rice as per entitlement, one kg. of Tur Dal / Canadian Yellow Lentil, one pouch of one litre RBD Palmolein Oil and Sugar as per entitlement to all cardholders through Public Distribution System at free of cost during the month of April 2020 only. The Government also direct that, the following steps shall be taken to implement the relief measures announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu:-

(i) To reduce overcrowding at Fair Price Shops, token system shall be adopted for the issue of Cash Support of Rs.1000/- and issue of essential commodities at free of cost during the month of April 2020.

9. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department is instructed to obtain the Utilisation Certificate from the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation for the actual disbursement of Cash Support of Rs.1,000/- to the beneficiaries and submit it to Government immediately.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 1205/FS/P/2020, dated 24.03.2020.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

DAYANAND KATARIA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Chennai-5.
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai-10.
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Chennai-10.
All District Collectors.
The Additional Registrar (Cooperative Societies), Chennai-600 010.
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-600 018.
The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-600 018
The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-600 005.
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The National Informatics Centre, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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24/3/2020
SECTION OFFICER