**ABSTRACT**

Pongal Festival 2019 - Pongal Gift Hamper – Distribution – Orders - Issued.

**COOPERATION, FOOD & CONSUMER PROTECTION (D1) DEPARTMENT**

G.O.(2D) No.66  
**Dated:** 29.12.2018

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Read:
Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.12.2018.

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**ORDER:**

The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that all family cardholders and those put up in Sri Lankan Refugee camps in the State will be provided with a Pongal Gift comprising 1 kg of Raw Rice, 1 kg of Sugar, two feet long sugarcane stick, pack containing each 20 grams of Cashewnut, Kismis, 5 gram Cardamom and a bag to carry the gift hamper during forthcoming Pongal Festival 2019.

2. The expenditure towards distribution of Pongal Gift to the above card holders works out as follows:

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<tr>
<th>Sl. No.</th>
<th>Items Per card</th>
<th>No. of card Holders</th>
<th>Total Quantity</th>
<th>Rate per MT (in Rs.)</th>
<th>Amount Required (Rs. in crore)</th>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>Raw rice 1 kg/card</td>
<td>2,01,91,054</td>
<td>20,191 MTs</td>
<td>26,550/-</td>
<td>53.61</td>
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<td>2.</td>
<td>Sugar 1 kg/card</td>
<td>2,01,91,054</td>
<td>20,191 MTs</td>
<td>40,000/-</td>
<td>80.76</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>One Sugarcane Piece (2 Feet Long)/Card holder (including transportation)</td>
<td>2,01,91,054</td>
<td>2,01,91,054 Nos</td>
<td>15.00 per piece</td>
<td>30.29</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>Cashewnut 20 grms, Kismis 20 grms and Cardamom 5 grm including transportation</td>
<td>2,01,91,054</td>
<td>2,01,91,054 Nos</td>
<td>30.00 per pack</td>
<td>60.57</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>Bag</td>
<td>2,01,91,054</td>
<td>2,01,91,054 Nos</td>
<td>15.00</td>
<td>30.29</td>
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<td>6.</td>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td><strong>257.52</strong></td>
<td><em>(or)258.00</em></td>
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3. The Government, accordingly sanction a sum of Rs. 258.00 crores (Rupees two hundred and fifteen crores only) to Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation towards implementation of this scheme. The Government also direct that to distribute the Pongal Gift hamper comprising 1 kg of Raw Rice, 1 kg of Sugar, a 2 feet long piece of Sugarcane and a pack of 20 grms of Cashewnut, 20 grms of Kismis and 5 grms of Cardamom to all family cardholders including Sri Lankan Refugees in Tamil Nadu (i.e. 2,01,91,054 cardholders) and to sanction a sum of Rs. 258.00 crores for implementation of scheme.

4. The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation will act as nodal agency for distribution of Pongal gift. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation shall ensure adequate supply of raw rice and sugar for distribution of Pongal Gift. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is also directed to release adequate amount in advance to the respective Co-operative Societies. In case of expenditure beyond the advance amount, the Societies concerned may incur the expenditure and claim it from the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation later. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is also authorised to incur the expenditure out of the food subsidy initially.

5. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies will issue necessary allotment orders for raw rice and sugar required for distribution under this scheme. The District Collectors shall supervise and coordinate with the Joint Registrar (Cooperative Societies), Senior Regional Manager/Regional Manager (Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation), Joint Director (Agriculture) and others to ensure that adequate quantities of sugarcane, cashew, kismis and cardamom are procured by the respective Cooperative Societies, well in advance, for distribution through the fair price shops and also to ensure the distribution of Pongal Gift well in advance to all cardholders for the Pongal Festival 2019. A committee comprising District Collector, Joint Registrar (Cooperative Societies) and Joint Director (Agriculture) of respective District and the Regional Manager, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation are authorized to finalise the purchase of sugarcane at a reasonable rate, not exceeding the rate indicated in Para 2 above for each district and the Cooperative Societies are required to procure sugarcane within the amount so decided. The Registrar of Cooperative Societies is requested to procure the pack containing 20 grams of cashew, 20 grams of kismis and 5 grams of cardamom from the open market within the unit cost indicated in Para 2 above and supply to Public Distribution System shops for distribution. In case of Chennai, the district level committee will be headed by the Additional Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai in place of District Collector, Chennai.

6. The amount sanctioned in para 3 above shall be met from the existing budgetary provision for the year 2018-2019.

7. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection is requested to arrange to obtain and furnish the Utilization Certificate from the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in due course.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No.5050 / Finance(CF&CP)/2018, dated 29.12.2018.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

DAYANAND KATARIA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Chennai – 600 005.
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Chennai-600 010
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai 600 010.
The Commissioner of Sugar, 690, Anna Salai, Chennai-600 035.
All District Collectors.
The Joint Registrar (Cooperative Societies), Chennai-600 010
The Joint Director (Agriculture), Chennai – 600 005.
The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-600 018
The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-600 018
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The Pay and Accounts Officer (North), Chennai-600 001.
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The Special P.A. to Hon'ble Minister (Food and Civil Supplies),
Chennai-600 009.
The Special P.A. to Hon'ble Minister (Cooperation), Chennai - 600 009.
The Senior Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Co-operation, Food and Consumer
Protection Department, Chennai - 600 009.
The Finance (B.Cood)/(BG.1)/(BG2)/CF&CP)/( L&A Cell)Department,
Chennai-600 009.
The National Informatics Centre, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.
SF/SC.

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Section Officer.

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