



## **ABSTRACT**

Pongal Festival 2020 - Pongal Gift Hamper and cash Support of Rs. 1000/- to all rice cardholders through Fair Price shops - Distribution - Orders - Issued.

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

**G.O. (2D) No.66**

**Dated: 26.11.2019**

திருவள்ளூர்வராண்டு 2050

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#### **Read:**

1. Announcement made by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 26.11.2019.
2. From the Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Letter RC.No.Com8/53320/2019 dated 26.11.2019
3. From the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department Letter No.இ2/31309/2019, dated 26.11.2019

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#### **ORDER :**

During the inaugural function of newly created Kallakurichi District on 26.11.2019, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced that

"Last year the State has faced a widespread drought and in a bid to mitigate the sufferings of farmers and other sections, the Government has announced Rs.1000/- as cash support for each rice cardholder. This year the State has witnessed copious rains, but farmers has spent the money available with them to buy agricultural implements. The Government want the people to celebrate the Tamil festival of Pongal joyfully and has decided to distribute the Pongal gift for all rice cardholders this year too. Accordingly, this Government will distribute cash support of Rs.1000/- to all rice cardholders in the State along with a Pongal Gift Hamper comprising of 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 during forthcoming Pongal Festival 2020.

2. In the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection in his letter No. @2/31309/2019, dated 26.11.2019 has stated that as on 25.11.2019 there are 2,05,25,337 rice and sugar cards in circulation.

3. The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in her letter Rc.No.Com8/53320/2019 dated 26.11.2019 has furnished the approximate expenditure as follows:-

Item	No of cards (as on 30.10.2019)	Qty required in MT / Piece / Packet	Rate per MT / Piece / Packet	Amount (in Rupees)	Amount required (in crores)
Raw Rice	19505846	19506	27850.00	54,32,42,100	54.32
Sugar	19505846	19506	47500.00	92,65,35,000	92.65
Sugarcane piece (2 feet long) (including Transportation)	19505846	19505846	15.00	29,25,87,690	29.26
Cashewnut, Kismis, Cardamom (including Transportation)	19505846	19505846	40.00	78,02,33,840	78.02
Cloth Bag (in Nos.)	19505846	19505846	20.00	39,01,16,920	39.01
Cash support	19505846		1000.00	1950,58,46,000	1950.59
Miscellaneous					2.00
Total					2245.85

4. The Managing Director has also stated that the State Government has issued directions for the conversion of 10,19,491 sugar option cards to rice cards for the applications to be received till 29.11.2019. Considering the facts that three more days are left for giving applications, expenditure may increase to Rs.2363.13 crore if all sugar option cards are converted to rice cards.

5. The Government accordingly sanction a sum of Rs.2363.13 crores (Rupees Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty Three Crore and Thirteen Lakhs) to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection towards implementation and direct to distribute the Cash Support of Rs.1,000/- to all rice cardholders for Pongal Festival 2020 and 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 Rice cardholders.

6. The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is appointed as nodal agency for distribution of cash support for Pongal Festival 2020. Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation will also release advance to the respective societies.

7. 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 for Pongal festival 2020 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 for the Pongal Festival 2020 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.

8. As regards the purchase of sugarcane, a committee comprising of District Collector, Joint Registrar (Co-operative Societies) and Joint Director, Agriculture of the respective districts and Regional Manager, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation are authorized to finalise the purchase of sugarcane and supply to the card holders.

9. As regards the purchase of pack containing cashewnut-20 gms, Kismis-20 gms, and Cardamom-5 gms, the Register of Co-operative Societies is requested to procure these packs containing Cashewnut, Kismis, and Cardamom from the open market at the local level and supply to Public Distribution System shops for distribution.

10. The expenditure sanctioned in para 5 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 (DPC 3456 00 103 AE 1123)". (IFHRMS DPC : 3456 00 103 AE 31102)

11. Necessary additional funds of Rs.2363.13 Crore will be provided in RE/FMA 2019-2020. However, this expenditure shall be brought to the notice of the Legislature by Specific inclusion in the Supplementary Estimate 2019-2020. Pending provision of such funds, 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 5 above. He is also directed to include this item of expenditure while sending the budget proposal for RE/FMA 2019-2020 and also send necessary draft explanatory note for inclusion of this expenditure in the Supplementary Estimate 2019-20 to Government in Finance (BG.I/CF&CP)Department at the appropriate time without fail.

12. 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 Pongal Gift Hamper, actual disbursement of Cash Support of Rs.1,000/- for Pongal Festival 2020 and submit it to Government immediately.

13. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O. No. 60235/Finance (CF&CP) Department, dated 26.11.2019 and the Additional Sanction Ledger No is 2295 (Two Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five).

(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 Additional Registrar (Cooperative Societies), Chennai-600 010.

The Director (Agriculture), Chennai – 600 005.

The Principal Accountant General, Chennai-600 018.

The Accountant General (Audit), Chennai-600 018

The Pay and Accounts Officer (East), Chennai-600 005.

The Pay and Accounts Officer (North), Chennai-600 001.

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The Personal Assistant to Principal Secretary-II to Hon'ble Chief Minister,  
Chennai-600 009.

The Personal Assistant to Secretary to Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister,  
Chennai-600 009.

The Special Personal Assistant to Hon'ble Minister (Food and Civil Supplies),  
Chennai-600 009.

The Special Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister (Cooperation),  
Chennai - 600 009.

The Senior Private Secretary to Chief Secretary, Chennai - 600 009.

The Senior Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Finance Department  
Chennai - 600 009.

The Senior Private Secretary to Principal Secretary, Co-operation, Food and  
Consumer Protection Department, Chennai - 600 009.

The Finance (B.Coord)/(BG.1)/(BG2)/CF&CP)/ (L&A Cell)Department,  
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The National Informatics Centre, Secretariat, Chennai-600 009.  
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