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6.11 Lifting of foodgrains - Issue of instructions

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To

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All Collectors

Sir,

- Sub : Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana Certain Instructions – Regarding .
- Ref : 1. Govt.Lr.No.36742/SGSy/2001-04 , dated 2.11.2001.
2. Government of India Lr.No.24015/24/2001/ Jawahar Gram Samiridhi Yojana /S1 No.75, Government of India, Ministry of Rural Development, dated 13.11.2001.
3. Government of India Lr.No.V/24025/22/2001, Employment Assurance Scheme SL.No.83, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India dated 19.11.2001.
4. Govt.Lr.No.36742/SGSY/2001-6 dated 31.12.2001.

Government of India have introduced a new programme of Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana with effect from 21.09.2001, merging the Employment Assurance Scheme and Jawahar Gram Samriti Yojana. The new programme has a foodgrain component of 50% as against the Employment Assurance Scheme and Jawahar Gram Samriti Yojana Programme which were purely given in cash form.

2. In this connection, I am directed to recall the decisions taken in the meetings convened by Secretary RD Department and Secretary Finance Department on 8.11.2001. 18.12.2001 and 8.1.2002. regarding the implementation of the above scheme, as per the guidelines of Government of India. In pursuance of the decisions taken on the above meeting, the Government decided to issue instructions as follows:-

- (i) Rice would be supplied to the workers engaged in the execution of works under Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana scheme through PDS outlets. There should be no distinction between PDS rice and SGRY rice. The same rice being supplied to the ration card holders under Public Distribution System should be supplied to the workers under Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana Scheme.
- (ii) Food Corporation of India is authorized to issue rice to Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation based on the indent placed by Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.
- (iii) The Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is authorized to lift rice on behalf of RD Department from Food Corporation of India based on the indent of rice received from Collector / District Rural Development Agencies and transport them to its respective Taluk godowns. The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation is requested to lift 35181 Tons of rice from Food Corporation of India before 25.1.02 as per the District wise allocation rice made by Director of Rural

Development.

- (iv) The Register of Cooperative Societies is requested to issue necessary instructions to the lead / link societies to take delivery of their quotas from Taluk godowns and transport them to the specified PDS outlet for eventual disbursement to the S.G.R.Y workers.
- (v) The issue price of rice to the workers under Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana shall be the B.P.L. rate of Government of India (i.e) Rs.5.65 per K.G.
- (vi) Under this scheme 5 Kg of rice shall be paid as part of the wages per manday and the balance of wages shall be paid as cash to the workers so that they are assured of the notified minimum wages.
- (vii) The TNCSC should ensure the quality of rice to be lifted from Food Corporation of India. The Civil Supplies Corporation should also ensure the U.R.S (Under relaxation specification) varieties of rice should not be lifted from Food Corporation of India.
- (viii) Cooperative Societies should lift rice from the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation at the rate of Rs.305/per quintal (at the rate of Rs.3.05 per kg) and claim reimbursement of Rs.45/- per quintal as margin for cooperatives from TNCSC based on actual off take under this scheme. Reimbursement shall be settled within 10 days of the succeeding month over the claims by Senior Regional Manager.
- (ix) Transport charges shall be paid to TNCSC directly by Government and the TNCSC will adopt the PDS transport charges for this scheme rice liftment. The expenditure towards transport charge would be borne by the State Government for which necessary provisions would be made in the Budget.
- (x) The existing procedure being followed by TNCSC with reference to empty gunny bags under PDS shall be followed namely the gunny bags will be retained by the PDS shop as the cost of rice includes the cost of the gunny bags and empty gunnies will be property of the shop
- (xi) Allocation of rice at state level would be made by Director of Rural Development. Similarly, allocation of rice at district level would be made by Collector indicating the name of Taluk godowns, name and place of the PDS outlet etc.
- (xii) District Rural Development Agencies would reconcile with the Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation and Joint Registrar of Co operative Societies of the quantity of rice lifted and issued to the workers. The Project Officer, District Rural Development Agencies should send a monthly reconciliation statement to the Director of Rural Development.
- (xiii) A separate account for Employment Assurance Scheme and Jawahar Gram Samriti Yojana should be maintained at PDS outlets level to monitor the off take of rice, distributed to the workers under each scheme. Director of Rural Development should also maintain scheme wise accounts (Employment Assurance Scheme and Jawahar Gram Samriti Yojana) separately about the rice lifted and distributed in district wise and also at state level.
- (xiv) The Collectors should arrange to print coupons in two colours (i.e) one for Jawahar Gram Samroto Yojana and another for Employment Assurance Scheme separately in the format which contains the name of the workers, man days generated name of the work, name of the PDS outlet etc. as prescribed by the Director of Rural Development in order to identify the schemes. Director of Rural Development would ensure that suitable safeguards are taken by the Collectors to see that the coupon books are printed carefully, kept under the safe custody of the Block Development Officer and the issue closely monitored. The Block Development officers should

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issue coupons in the prescribed format and also sent list containing names of workers, coupon numbers, mandays generated and name of the work, etc. to the lead / link societies regularly, so as to verify the genuineness of the disbursement. Disbursement of rice should be against individual coupon.

- (xv) Indents for rice should be issued by the District Rural Development Agencies to the TNCSC and link/lead societies containing village wise / blockwise particulars of works and required quantity of rice with the number and name of PDS shop i.e nearer to the work spot in the preceding month. The PDS outlets will honor the coupons by supplying available PDS rice stock.
- (xvi) The Project Officer / TNCSC / Lead Societies officials are requested to ensure the weight of the food grains while lifting the rice from Food Corporation of India / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation godowns as well as during issue at the Public Distribution System outlets.
- (xvii) Collectors to have meeting with Manger (FCI) Regional Manager (TNCSC) and Joint Registrar of Cooperative Societies, to work out the arrangement at the district level and Director of Rural Development would do similar exercise at the State level.
- (xviii) The Director of Rural Development is appointed as the Nodal Officer for implementing the Sampoorna Grameen Rojgar Yojana scheme and the statement of quantities of rice allocated, lifted and distributed, district wise, signed jointly by the Regional Manager , Food Corporation of India and Director of Rural Development on behalf of the Secretary, Rural Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu so as to release funds for the food grains lifted from Food Corporation of India under this scheme.
- (xix) The Director of Rural Development in consultation with Registrar of Co operative Societies and Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies corporation, should issue consolidated instructions to the District Collectors / District Rural Development Agencies regarding the mode of issue of coupons to the workers identification of PDs outlets, drawls of rice from the PDS outlets by the workers, etc. He should mark copies of instructions so issued to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and consumer protection, Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation and Registrar of Co-operative Societies for their information and monitoring.
- (xx) The Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation / Registrar of cooperative Societies / Regional Manager, Food corporation of India / Director of Rural Development is requested to issue necessary instructions to their subordinate officers to follow the above instructions without any room for complaint for successful implementation of the above scheme.
- (xxi) The letter issues with the concurrence of Co-operation, Food and Consumer Protection Department vide its U.O.No.28/Secretary (C.F. & C.P)/2002-1 dated 17.1.2002.

for SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT