



ABSTRACT

Public Distribution System - Selling of Minor Millets through Fair Price Shops run by Cooperatives / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Chennai and Coimbatore Cities - Orders Issued.

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

G.O. (Ms) No.10

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Read:

1. Announcement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Famers Welfare in Agriculture Budget 2021-2022.
2. From the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Letter Rc.No.50414/2021/PDSM1, dated 13.09.2021.
3. From the Director, Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai-32 Letter No.TNSFAC/874/2021,dated 30.11.2021.

ORDER:-

In Agriculture Budget 2021-2022, the Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Famers Welfare has made the following announcement:-

"Action will be taken to encourage value addition in minor millets and ensure remunerative price to farmers. Minor Millet rice will be procured by Co-operative Societies and distributed through Public Distribution System in Cities like Chennai and Coimbatore."

2. In his letter second read above, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies has sent proposals for selling Minor Millets through the select Fair Price Shops run by Cooperatives in Chennai and Coimbatore cities alongwith other Public Distribution System commodities, on pilot basis.

3. In this regard, a meeting was convened on 08.10.2021 to discuss on the procurement of Minor Millets, processing and value addition of the Minor Millets by the Farmers Producers Organization based on the requirement of Cooperative Department.

4. In his letter third read above, the Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business has suggested certain modalities for procurement and selling of Minor Millets through Fair Price Shops. He has suggested that, a Committee may be organized with representative from Co-operative Department, Agriculture Department, Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Farmer Producer Organization, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Department of Economics and Statistics at State Level for framing modalities to fix the price for Minor Millets.

5. In the circumstances stated above, the Government after careful examination, grant permission for the sale of Minor Millets in select Fair Price Shops / Retail outlets run by Cooperatives / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Chennai and Coimbatore Cities alongwith other Public Distribution System commodities, on pilot basis.

6. Government constitute a State Level Committee, with the following members for framing modalities for processing and value addition of minor millets, pricing, etc.:-

| Sl. No. | Designation | |
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| 1. | Registrar of Cooperative Societies | Chairman |
| 2. | Director of Agriculture | Member |
| 3. | Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business | Member |
| 4. | Representative from Farmer Producer Organization | Member |
| 5. | Representative from Tamil Nadu Agriculture University | Member |
| 6. | Representative from Economics and Statistics Department | Member |

The State Level Committee is directed to decide on the following:-

- i. Processing and value addition requirements.
- ii. Indent
- iii. Margin for Agricultural Marketing Societies and the margin for Cooperatives Societies / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation.

Government also direct the District Collectors to constitute District Level Committee with the District Level Officials of concerned Departments.

7. The Government stipulate the following conditions for the procurement, processing and sale of Minor Millets in select Fair Price Shops / Retail outlets run by Cooperatives / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in Chennai and Coimbatore Cities alongwith other Public Distribution System commodities:-

1. Procurement of the Minor Millets like Ragi, Kambu, Thinai, Kuthiraivali, Saamai, Varagu etc. shall be made in select Districts through Farmers Producers Organization (FPO), promoted by Commissioner / Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business.
2. The processing and value addition of the Minor Millets shall also be done by the Farmers Producers Organization based on the requirement of Cooperatives / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. The Farmers Producers Organization shall arrange to procure, process, pack and supply Minor Millets, in sachets in their own brand name, in quantities such as 500 gram and 1kg as per the indent given by District Consumer Cooperative Wholesale Stores / Agricultural Producers Cooperative Marketing Societies / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation. Farmer Producer Organizations shall be linked with Registrar of Co-operatives for supply of Millets in concurrence with Department of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business and concerned District Collector.
3. The Commissioner / Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business shall arrange to print the MRP rates, Date of Packing, Expiry and FSSAI Certificate Number on the sachets.

4. Registrar of Cooperative Societies shall furnish the consolidated requirement in advance on behalf of Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation run consumer outlets and Fair Price Shops to the Commissioner / Director of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business. The payment to the Farmers Producers Organization for the product supplied will be made by the respective Co-operative Societies / Society Retail Outlets / Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation allowing a credit period of fifteen days (15 days).

8. The Government also direct the District Collectors to give wide publicity among Farmer Producer Organizations and the Consumers for promotion and marketing of Millets.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

Md.NASIMUDDIN
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, Chennai – 600 005.
The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Chennai – 600 010.
The Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, Chennai- 600 010.
The Director of Agriculture, Chepauk, Chennai – 600 005.
The Director, Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.
The Registrar, Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Lawley Road, Coimbatore – 641 003.
The Director, Economics and Statistics Department, DMS Complex, Teynampet, Chennai-600 006.
All District Collectors.

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The Private Secretary to Chief Secretary to Government, Chennai-9.
The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister (Food and Civil Supplies), Chennai-9.
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The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare), Chennai-9.
The Special Personal Assistant to the Hon'ble Minister (Finance and Human Resource Management), Chennai-9.
The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Finance Department, Chennai-9.
The Private Secretary to Agriculture Production Commissioner / Secretary to Government, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Chennai – 9.
The Finance (CF & CP) Department, Chennai-9.
The National Informatics Centre, Chennai-9.
The Private Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Cooperation, Food and Consumer Protection Department, Chennai-9.
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