

Press Release

**EXCERPTS OF POINTS RAISED BY HON'BLE MINISTER FOR
FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES THIRU. R. KAMARAJ WITH
HON'BLE UNION MINISTER FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD
AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM THROUGH
VIDEO CONFERENCING ON 22.05.2020**

1. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has sanctioned free supply of Rice, Sugar, Edible Oil and Pulses in the State of Tamil Nadu to all 2.08 Crore family card holders for the month of April, May and June, 2020.
2. The Government of India has allotted Five Lakh 36 Thousand and 5 Metric ton (5,36,005 MT) of free rice at the rate of 5 kilo gram per person under PMGKAY Scheme. Government of Tamil Nadu has lifted Five Lakh One Thousand and 649 Metric ton (5,01,649 MT) of rice and distributed 96.30% in April and 85% till 21.5.2020 to beneficiaries. Government of Tamil Nadu has also decided to supply additional quantity of free rice to the Non-NFSA card holders in the state on par with the NFSA cards and purchased One Lakh 98 Thousand and 813 Metric ton (1,98,813 MT) of rice at the rate of Rs.22 /- per kilo gram from Food Corporation of India.
3. We have also sent an indent for supply of Thirty three thousand and 176 Metric ton (33,176 MT) of Tur dal to NAFED under PMGKAY Scheme. Only 150 MT of processed Tur dal has been supplied to this

State and orders are yet to be issued from the Government of India for supply of remaining Fifty Six Thousand 769 Metric Ton (56,769 MT) of Raw Tur dal for processing by the Government of Tamil Nadu and supply to the family card holders.

4. The CMR subsidy of Rupees Two Thousand and 609 Crores (Rs.2609 Crores) is pending for release from the Government of India. We request that this subsidy amount may please be released immediately to facilitate paddy procurement from the farmers.

5. Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has also sanctioned supply of 15 Kg rice, One Kg. Dal and One litre Edible oil to Four Lakh 15 Thousand 831 (4,15,831) migrant workers in April and Four Lakh 66 Thousand 25 (4,66,025) migrant workers in the month of May 2020. The total value of this package for migrant workers comes to about Rs.56.50 Crore.

6. Now Four Lakh and 782 (4,00,782) stranded migrant workers have been identified by the District Collectors. Government of India has allocated Thirty five thousand 732 Metric Ton (35,732 MT) of rice at the rate of 5 kilo gram of rice per person and 1 Kilo gram of Chana dal per family for supply to migrant workers during the month of May and June, 2020. As there are only Four Lakh and 782 (4,00,782) stranded migrant workers in the State, we need 4,300 MT of rice and 801 MT of whole Chana dal. The Government of Tamil Nadu has already lifted

4,300 MT of rice under this scheme. 'Whole Chana dal' has not been supplied by NAFED.

7. In Tamil Nadu One lakh Thirty two thousand and 42 (1,32,042) migrant workers have been sent to their native places by 96 special trains till 20th May 2020.

8. The Government of Tamil Nadu has already issued a G.O.[(Ms) No.109, CF&CP (F2) dept.,] dated 20.9.2019 for implementation for One Nation One Ration Card scheme and accordingly signed the MoU with Government of India.

9. Procurement of biometric devices and its integration with PoS devices is in advance stage of approval. Our System Integrator will be able to complete this work by September 2020 for onboarding to "One Nation One Card Scheme".

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