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Family cards are issued to all Families of Indian citizens who are residing in Tamil Nadu provided they have individual separate cooking arrangements. Similarly eligible transgenders (Aravanis) are also issued with family cards. Whenever representations are received from transgenders requesting for issue of family cards, enquiries are made and family cards issued to them if found eligible. Even in the case of a transgender living alone, the individual is issued with a family card.

However, complaints are received in Government that family cards are not being issued to the transgenders. On consideration of the complaints, the Government have directed all family card issuing authorities to hold immediate enquiry on the representations received from transgenders seeking family cards and issue the cards, if they are otherwise found eligible.

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