

PRESS RELEASE

In order to curb the smuggling of Public Distribution Rice to other States, Government of Tamil Nadu have been taking series of actions. On the directions of Government, the Transport Department in consultation and Collaboration with the Food and Civil Supplies Department has worked out a system under which stringent penal action is being taken against all the Goods Vehicles Permit Holders and their drivers that are found involved in smuggling of Public Distribution System Rice.

All the Zonal Officers of Transport Department have been clearly directed to monitor the work of Regional Transport Officers under their control for strict compliance and immediate action regarding cancellation of permits, cancellation of Driving Licenses and cancellation of Registration Certificates without any undue delay.

So far, 198 permits of the vehicles, 165 Registration Certificates and 188 Driving Licenses of the offenders have been cancelled for having indulged in the smuggling of Public Distribution System Rice.

The permit holders / owners / drivers are hereby advised to refrain from indulging in such illegal activities strictly warned that vigorous checks are organized and they will be dealt with severely and very stringent action such as cancellation of permits / driving licenses etc., will be taken in all cases where the vehicles are found to have been used for smuggling of Public Distribution System Commodities.

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