CIVIL SUPPLIES

Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department is one of the most important Department rationalizing the distribution of PDS commodities allotted by Government of India to APL. BPL and AAY categories of population through Fair Price Shops. Under the Scheme of Public Distribution System, Rice, Wheat, sugar, kerosene are regularly distributed every month.

In order to eliminate bogus cards, bio-metric smart cards is being issued to all eligible card holders. Surprise inspection and periodic raids are being conducted by the Food Cell Police to eliminate smuggling, illicit movement of essential commodities and to watch the supply of essential commodities to the eligible families properly.

Further Onam Chanda and Deepavali Bazaar are being conducted every year as a market intervention activity through Civil Supplies Corporation (PAPSCO),, thus reducing the escalation of price in the market. Financial Assistance is being released to M/s. PAPSCO, an implementing agency of this Department to compensate the loss incurred in running Fair Price Shops and to conduct Deepavali Bazaar and Onam Chanda. Under the Scheme Consumer Protection and Consumer Education, World and National Consumer Days are being celebrated to create consumer awareness among the public.

Computerisation of existing ration cards were completed and duplicate and bogus card were eliminated after verification. Further machinery and equipments were installed in all Fair Price Shops for distribution of essential commodities through Bio-metric system. Smart (ration) cards were issued to card holders. AAY rice had been issued to all families those who are living in very poor condition. Public interaction meeting were conducted. 2 Kgs. of free sugar issued to all card holders during Deepavali festival time in Puducherry, Karaikal and Yanam region and during Onam festival time in Mahe region. Onam chanda was conducted in Mahe region.

During the year 2013-14, 50 cases were booked under Essential Commodities Act. Under Public Distribution Scheme, all machineries and equipments were installed in the Fair Price Shops in order to issue PDS items through Bio-metric system. Smart (ration) card was prepared and issued to all ration card holders. Transportation Charges for AAY Rice was released. It is also proposed to eliminate the bogus and duplicate ration cards. Further new ration card will also be issued to the migrants from neighboring states. Grant-in-Aid will be released for conducting Onam Chanda. World and National Consumer Day Celebrations will

be conducted to create consumer awareness among public. Further financial assistance will be issued to conduct Deepavai bazaar and for the loss incurred in running Fair Price Shops by M/s. PAPSCO. 2 Nos. of 5 kg. LPG cylinders will be converted to one no. of 14.2 Kgs. LPG cylinder to the 7653 beneficiaries.

During the year 2014-15, it is proposed to book 50 cases under Essential Commodities Act. Under Public Distribution Scheme, all machineries and equipments will be installed in the Fair Price Shops in order to issue PDS items through Bio-metric system. Smart (ration) card will be prepared and issued to all ration card holders. Transportation Charges for AAY Rice will be released. It is also proposed to eliminate the bogus and duplicate ration cards. Further new ration card will also be issued to the migrants from neighboring states. Grant-in-Aid will be released for conducting Onam Chanda. Bi-furcation of existing ration cards will be done. World and National Consumer Day Celebrations will be conducted to create consumer awareness among public. Further financial assistance will be issued to conduct Deepaval bazaar. Further financial assistance will be released for loss incurred by M/s.PAPSCO in running Fair Price Shops. Further an amount of Rs.100.00 lakhs will be earmarked under Share Capital Contribution to M/s.PAPSCO in order to establish storage godown, establishment of quality control lab, starting of Cost Price Shops and Vegetable shops. etc.

During 2013-14, this department had implemented three Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., Consumer Awareness Programme, Price Monitoring Cell and State Consumer Helpline. These schemes are merged under National Food Security Mission from the year 2014-15 onwards which comes under the 66 restructured Centrally Sponsored Scheme. In order to create consumer awareness regarding malpractice, gambling, food adulteration, defects in products and services, ect., this department had conducted public interactions, seminars. Further advertisement through T.V. channels radios, banner and bit notices were also been given. Further National Consumer Day and World Consumer Day are celebrated every year to create consumer awareness in rural areas. Further computers and accessories were purchased to set up Price Monitoring Cell. The price of essential goods have been monitored every day and necessary action have also been taken to control price hike in the open market. In order to set up a State Consumer Helpline, this department has proposed to release funds to Indian Institute of Public Administration, Puducherry Local Branch to run the Consumer Helpline on behalf of this department. For which preliminary works have been completed and the State Consumer Helpline will function as soon as possible.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : CIVIL SUPPLIES No. of Schemes : 6

Department: CIVIL SUPPLIES & (Plan: 5 + CSS: 1)

CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2012-13 Actual Expenditure : 957.67

Annual Plan 2013-14 Approved Outlay : 1117.00

Annual Plan 2013-14 Revised Outlay : 767.00

Annual Plan 2014-15 Proposed Outlay (Plan + CSS) : 800.00

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2012-13	Annual Plan 2013-14		Annual Plan 2014-15	
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Proposed Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Expansion of Food Cell	18.45	22.65	22.40	24.90	
2	Expansion & Strengthening of Public Distribution System	878.72	911.19	550.70	608.77	
3	Consumer Protection & Consumer Education Programme	26.62	31.40	17.54	32.20	
4	Finance Assistance to PAPSCO	33.88	75.00	105.95	90.00	90.00
5	Free Supply of LPG connection with a stove and a gas cylinder to BPL families		76.76	70.41	5.00	
	Total (Plan)	957.67	1117.00	767.00	760.87	90.00

					(₹ in lakh)
	Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)	Actual Expdr. 2013-14	Unspent Balance as on 01.04.14	Proposed Outlay 2014-15	
6.	National Food Security Mission			39.13	
	Consumer Awareness Programme	9.67	29.13		
	Total (Plan + CSS)			800.00	

Scheme No. 1

Sector: CIVIL SUPPLIES Implementing CIVIL SUPPLIES

Department: & CONSUMER

AFFAIRS

1. Name of the Scheme : Expansion of Food Cell

2. Objective of the Scheme

Conduct of inspection for curtailing black marketing and adulteration. Prosecuting defaulters under the Essential Commodities Act and acting as an enforcement agency of Civil Supplies Department.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13:

▶ 48 cases booked under Essential Commodities Act.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

> 50 cases were booked under Essential Commodities Act.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

> 50 cases will be booked under Essential Commodities Act.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 2

Sector: CIVIL SUPPLIES Implementing CIVIL SUPPLIES

Department: & CONSUMER

AFFAIRS

1. Name of the Scheme : Expansion and Strengthening of Public

Distribution System

2. Objective of the Scheme

To distribute the essential commodities to the public through Fair Price Shops and computerization of Ration cards in order to maintain speedy disbursement of cards and to issue smart (Ration) card to ration card holders under Bio-metric system.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13:

- Under Public Distribution System rice and wheat were issued to BPL card holders
- Release of Transportation charges on Anthyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme.

- ➤ Bifurcated the existing ration cards
- ➤ 2 Kgs. Of free sugar issued to all card holders during Depaval and Onam festival season.
- New enumeration work was conducted and bogus and duplicate cards were eliminated.
- > Smart (Ration) Cards were prepared and issued.
- Machinery and equipments were purchased for distribution of PDS items through Bio-metric system.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

- Under Public Distribution System rice and wheat has been issued to BPL card holders
- Transportation charges on Anthyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme will be issued.
- Bogus and duplicate cards were eliminated.
- Smart (Ration) Cards were issued to card holders.
- Machinery and equipments are installed in Fair Price Shops for distribution of PDS items through Bio-metric system.
- A four wheeler will be purchased.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- Under Public Distribution System free rice and wheat will be issued to BPL card holders.
- Fransportation charges on Anthyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme will be issued.
- Bogus and duplicate cards will be eliminated.
- Smart (Ration) Cards will be prepared and issued to all card holders.
- Part Payment will be made to Madras Security Services for preparation of smart cards.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 3

Sector: CIVIL SUPPLIES Implementing CIVIL SUPPLIES

Department: & CONSUMER

AFFAIRS

1. Name of the Scheme : Consumer Protection & Consumer

Education Programme.

2. Objective of the Scheme :

In order to create awareness among the consumers about adulterating, black-marketing, short weighing, misleading advertisements, it has been proposed to conduct Seminars-cum-Exhibitions. It has also been proposed to celebrate National Consumer Day and World Consumer Rights Day in all regions every year.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13:

- Conducted National Consumer Day and World Consumer Rights Day in all regions every year.
- Conducted Seminar-cum-Exhibition on Consumer Protection and Consumer Education.
- Released Financial assistance to Voluntary Consumer Organizations.
- ➤ Issued Annual Award to Voluntary Consumer Organizations @ Rs.10,000/-, Rs.7,500/- and Rs.5,000/-.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

Conduct of National Consumer Day and World Consumer Rights Day in all regions.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- To conduct National Consumer Day and World Consumer Rights Day in all regions every year.
- To conduct Seminar-cum-Exhibition on Consumer Protection and Consumer Education.
- Release of Financial assistance to Voluntary Consumer Organizations.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 4

Sector: CIVIL SUPPLIES Implementing CIVIL SUPPLIES

Department: & CONSUMER

AFFAIRS

1. Name of the Scheme : Financial assistance to PAPSCO

2. Objective of the Scheme

The Scheme is to provide financial assistance to promote the business activities in order to maintain the stability of prices of food materials and other essential commodities and to conduct other programmes such as Deepavali Bazaar, Cost Price Shops, to control price hike during festival seasons, etc.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13:

Financial Assistance in the form of G.I.A. is released to meet out subsidy amount for the essential commodities and conducting Deepavali Bazaar.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

- Release of Financial Assistance for Conduct of Deepavali Bazaar.
- Financial Assistance in the form of G.I.A. was released to M/s.PAPSCO to compensate the loss incurred in running Fair Price Shops for the years 2011-12 and 2012-13.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- Construction of storage plant at Pondicherry
- Construction of quality control Lab
- Opening of Cost Price Shops and Vegetable shops.
- Release of Financial Assistance for Conduct of Deepavali Bazaar.
- Release of Financial Assistance to compensate the loss incurred in running Fair Price Shops.
- Release of Financial Assistance for market intervention activities.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 5

Sector: CIVIL SUPPLIES Implementing CIVIL SUPPLIES

Department: & CONSUMER

AFFAIRS

1. Name of the Scheme : Free Supply of LPG connection with

Stove & Gas Cylinder to BPL families.

2. Objective of the Scheme

In order to provide smoke free kitchens in the BPL families, it is proposed to supply LPG connection with a Stove and one Gas Cylinder to BPL families at free of cost.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13: --

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

During the year only the differential cost for conversion of 2 nos. of 5 kgs. Cylinder to one no. of 14.2 jgs, cylinders to 7653 connections.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

More over all the eligible BPL families were provided with free LPG connection. Hence only a token provision will be made.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 6

Sector: CIVIL SUPPLIES Implementing CIVIL SUPPLIES

Department : & CONSUMER

AFFAIRS

1. Name of the Scheme : National Food Security Mission (CSS)

2. Objective of the Scheme :

To create consumer Awareness among the public so that the innocent people will be protected from cheating. A Price monitoring Cell had been set, to monitor the price of the essential commodities and necessary action will be taken to control the price hike. The State Consumer Helpline will be set up, in order to redress the public grievances regarding consumer affairs as soon as possible.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2012-13: --

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2013-14:

- Two days training programme had been conducted.
- National Consumer Day had been celebrated.
- World Consumer Day had been celebrated.
- Monitored the price of essential goods in the open market.
- Preliminary action had been taken to start the State Consumer Help-line.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- Training programmes and seminar will be conducted.
- National Consumer will be celebrated.
- World Consumer Day will be celebrated.
- The price of essential goods in the open market will be monitored and essential action will be taken to control the price hike. Some computer accessories will be purchased
- The State Consumer Helpline will be functioned.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme