

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 Above Poverty Line, Below Poverty Line 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.

During 2013-14, PDS rice has been distributed in Mahe and Yanam region free of cost @ 35 kgs for AAY, 20 kgs for BPL and 10 kgs for APL per month totaling to 4280 MT as against the target of 4428 MT. While Puducherry and Karaikal PDS rice is being distributed on cost basis totaling to 24,383 MT as against the target of 44,112 MT. Besides PDS rice, Single Boiled Rice (SBR) is being distributed @ 10 kgs per month on free of cost to all card holders of Puducherry and Karaikal region under Non-Plan. Thereby the reduction of consumption under PDS rice was happened.

Wheat has been distributed @ 5 kgs per card per month to APL and BPL families totaling to 6131 MT, as against target of 12,692 MT in the UT of Puducherry. Sugar has been distributed to 2342 MT @ 500 grams per unit with maximum of 2.5 kgs per month per BPL card including AAY as against the target of 2679 MT during the year 2013-14 in the Puducherry UT. Kerosene has been supplied to 4383 kilolitres as against the target of 4452 @ 5 lt per card to AAY and BPL families of Puducherry UT without LPG connection and @ 1 lt per card for having single cylinder connection.

Besides above PDS items, Deepavali Bazaar, Onam Chandra were conducted and distributed various essential commodities to the general public and paid the differential cost involved in the sales to the PAPSCO promoted by this Department for implementation. National and World Consumer Days were celebrated during the year in villages to create consumer awareness and also extending financial assistance to voluntary consumer organizations.

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.

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 2014-15, 50 cases were booked under Essential Commodities Act. under Public Distribution System.

During 2014-15, PDS rice has been distributed in Mahe and Yanam region free of cost @ 35 kgs for AAY, 20 kgs for BPL and 10 kgs for APL per month totaling to 2588 MT upto October, 2015 as against the target of 8204 MT. While Puducherry and Karaikal PDS rice is being distributed on cost basis totaling to 5,632 MT as against the target of 46,590 MT. Besides PDS rice, Single Boiled Rice (SBR) is being distributed @ 10 kgs per month on free of cost to all card holders of Puducherry and Karaikal region under Non-Plan.

Keroscene has been supplied to an extent of 2979 kilolitres as against the target of 4356 KL @ 5 lt per card to AAY and BPL families of Puducherry UT without LPG connection and @ 1 lt. per card for having single cylinder connection.

In order to eliminate bogus cards, 11,66,421 number of Aadhar cards were issued during 2014-15 for each individual as against the target of 12,96,928 as per 2011 census. Balance aadhar cards would be issued by end of March, 2015.

In order to govern the proper supply of PDS items to the general public, bio-metric smart cards are being issued to all eligible card holders. So far 2,38,090 bio metric cards were issued as against the target of 3,28,670. Balance Smart Cards would be supplied to all card holders in the next financial year 2015-16 and completed the task.

Apart from this, this Department is also providing pongal groceries during Pongal festival since 2013 besides issue of sugar during the festival occasions. National and World Consumer Days are being celebrated every year in villages to create consumer awareness and also extending financial assistance to voluntary consumer organizations.

OUTLAY AT A GLANCE

Sector : CIVIL SUPPLIES

No. of Schemes : 8
(Plan : 5 + CSS : 3)Department : CIVIL SUPPLIES &
CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(₹ in lakh)

Annual Plan 2013-14 Actual Expenditure	:	756.81
Annual Plan 2014-15 Approved Outlay	:	800.00
Annual Plan 2014-15 Revised Outlay	:	636.83
Annual Plan 2015-16 Approved Outlay	:	1040.14

(₹ in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Annual Plan 2013-14	Annual Plan 2014-15		Annual Plan 2015-16	
		Actual Expdr.	Approved Outlay	Revised Outlay	Approved Outlay	Of which Capital Content
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1	Expansion of Food Cell	21.68	24.90	24.90	30.70	--
2	Expansion & Strengthening of Public Distribution System	561.66	642.87	471.59	666.25	--
3	Consumer Protection & Consumer Education Programme	17.51	32.10	32.10	32.05	--
4	Finance Assistance to PAPSCO	85.55	60.00	60.00	170.00	--
5	Free Supply of LPG connection with a stove and a gas cylinder to BPL families	70.41	1.00	1.00	1.00	--
Total (Plan)		756.81	760.87	589.59	900.00	--

(₹ in lakh)

Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS)	Approved Outlay 2014-15	Revised Outlay 2014-15	Approved Outlay 2015-16	
6. Creating Consumer Awareness in the Union Territory of Puducherry (CSS)	17.08	25.19	92.14	
7. Strengthening of Price Monitoring Cell (CSS)	0.09	0.09	0.08	
8. State Consumer Helpline (CSS)	21.96	21.96	47.92	
Total (CSS)	39.13	47.24	140.14	
Total (Plan + CSS)	756.81	800.00	1040.14	--

Scheme No. 1

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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 2013-14 :**

- 61 cases booked under Essential Commodities Act.

4. **Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:**

- 64 cases were booked under Essential Commodities Act.
- 7 cases booked under Essential Commodities Act.

5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :**

- 70 cases will be booked under Essential Commodities Act.

6. **Remarks** : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 2

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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 2013-14 :

- 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 Deepavali and Onam festival.
- 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 2014-15:

- PDS rice has been distributed in Mahe & Yanam region, free of cost @ 35 kgs for AAY, 20 kgs for BPL and 10 kgs for APL
- PDS rice is being distributed on cost basis in Puducherry & Karaikal regions
- 2 Kgs. Of free sugar issued to all card holders during Deepavali and Onam festival
- Bifurcation of the existing ration cards
- Release of Transportation charges on Anthyodaya Anna Yojana Scheme.
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- 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.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :

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- Bogus and duplicate cards will be eliminated.
- Smart (Ration) Cards will be prepared and issued to all card holders.
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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 2013-14 :**

- 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 @ ₹10,000/-, ₹7,500/- and ₹5,000/-.

4. **Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:**

- Conduct of Seminar on Consumerism in India – The changing paradigms of Consumer protection at Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Post Graduate Studies, Lawspet, Puducherry on 9th & 10th October 2014.
- Conduct of National Consumer Day and World Consumer Rights Day in all regions.

5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :**

- 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.
- Financial assistance will be extended to Voluntary Consumer Organizations.

6. **Remarks** : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 4

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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 2013-14 :**

- 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 2014-15:**

- Release of Financial Assistance for conduct of Deepavali Bazaar during Oct'2014
- Supply of 2 Kgs sugar to all card holders during festival season
- Financial Assistance in the form of G.I.A. is 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 2015-16 :**

- Release of Financial Assistance for Conduct of Deepavali Bazaar.
- ii. Release of Financial Assistance to compensate the loss incurred in running Fair Price Shops.
- iii. Release of Financial Assistance for market intervention activities.
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6. **Remarks** : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 5

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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 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 was given for 7653 connections.

4. **Physical Achievements 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

5. **Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16 :**

- Token provision made.

6. **Remarks** : Continuing Scheme

Scheme No. 6

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1. **Name of the Scheme** : Creating Consumer Awareness in the Union Territory of Puduchery.

2. **Objective of the Scheme** :

To create awareness among the public, by conducting frequent street shows, Radio and TV programmes, public interactions, etc. Further World and National Consumer Days are celebrated.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14:

- 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 @ ₹10,000/-, ₹7,500/- and ₹5,000/-.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

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

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16

- 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.
- Financial assistance will be extended to Voluntary Consumer Organizations.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme.**Scheme No. 7**

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This Scheme is implemented to set up a Price Monitoring Cell in order to control the price hike of essential commodities in the open market. Infrastructure like computer and accessories are purchased to set up the Cell.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14:

- The Price Monitoring Cell is monitoring and updating the wholesale and retail prices of 22 essential commodities with same varieties that are Prevalled in Puducherry market through the portal of the Price Monitoring System of the

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi before 2.30 p.m. on all working days.

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15:

- The Price Monitoring Cell is monitoring and updating the wholesale and retail prices of 22 essential commodities with same varieties that are prevailed in Puducherry market through the portal of the Price Monitoring System of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, New Delhi before 2.30 p.m. on all working days.

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

- Frequent meetings are conducted with the wholesale dealers to control the hike of prices.
- The Food Cell police are conducting surprise checks to prevent hoarding and black marketing of essential commodities.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme.

A token provision of ₹ 1 lakh has been provided in the BE 2015-16 to provide infrastructure for the Cell to start with.

Scheme No. 8

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1. Name of the Scheme : State Consumer Helpline.

2. Objective of the Scheme :

To provide consumer awareness through the helpline set up by this Department.

3. Actual Physical Achievements made in the Annual Plan 2013-14: --

4. Physical Achievements for the Annual Plan 2014-15: ₹ 21.96 lakhs

5. Proposed Physical Targets for the Annual Plan 2015-16:

- As per Government of India instructions a new plan scheme entitled "State Consumer Helpline" was yet to be launched in the UT of Puducherry through IIPA Puducherry. For this purpose BSNL has provided a free number for all the four regions. The computer facilities have also been arranged as per the specifications recommended by the NIC and necessary arrangements have been made to run the helpline in this financial year 2014-15.

6. Remarks : Continuing Scheme.

Since the consumer helpline has been set, maintenance and such other infrastructure required would be made available.