



UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENTS OF TAMIL NADU UNDER DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP OF KALAIGNAR

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SUPPLY OF QUALITY RICE AT Rs.2/- PER KG. தமிழரசு அலுவலகப் பிர

The Hon'ble Chief Minister on the day of assuming power on 13.5.2006 announced the first order of distribution of 1 Kg. of rice at Rs.2/- which brought happiness on the faces of the poor and the downtrodden. This scheme is being implemented from 3.6.2006 onwards in Tamil Nadu. From the inception, this scheme has won the appreciation of the general public. The happiness of the poor and the downtrodden people while obtaining their commodities from the fair price shops is quite evident throughout the state.

This heavily subsidised rate is much lower than the price at which the Government of India supplies rice to the below poverty

people.
Supply of rice
at such a low
price in the
state will go a

long way in



eliminating hunger by enabling the highest levels of affordability and utilisation by the poor. This scheme assures food security to the poor and the needy.

Since the price at which rice is supplied through the Public Distribution System in Tamil Nadu is the lowest in India, the price of open market rice is kept under control for the past one and half years. It is also ensured that good quality of rice is being issued under this scheme to the public.

PULSES & EDIBLE OILS AT FAIR PRICE SHOPS

On the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Government of Tamil Nadu procure essential commodities such as pulses, edible oil, rava and maida at reasonable prices and distribute them through the fair price shops in order to keep the open market prices under control. This scheme was launched on the Tamil New Year's Day i.e. 14.4.2007 in Chennai City. In the second phase, this scheme was extended to all the fair price shops in the remaining districts of Tamil Nadu from the month of May 2007. Accordingly, Toor Dhall, Urad Dhall and Palmolein are being procured and supplied to the fair price shops by Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation for distribution to all the card holders.

15,000 M.Ts of wheat allotted by Government of India at the open market rate has been purchased by Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation Limited and they are converted by private Roller Flour Mills as Rava and Maida. Thus Rava and Maida are also being distributed to the card holders of Tamil Nadu through fair price shops.

Due to the implementation of the special public distribution system, the open market prices of Toor Dhall and Urad Dhall, have been reduced to the level of PDS rates. Hence, the Government revised the rate of Toor Dhall under the PDS from Rs.34/- to Rs.32/- per Kg. Similarly, the rate of Urad Dhall has been reduced from Rs.40/- to Rs.36/- per kg. This scheme has kept the spiralling open market prices of these essential commodities under check.

This scheme has been well received by the public. The present prices of these essential commodities distributed through fair price shops are as follows:

SI.	Name of the	Issue price
No.	Commodities	
1.	Toor Dhall	Rs.32/-(1 Kg)
2	Urad Dhall	Rs.36/-(1 Kg)
3	Palmolein	Rs.40/-(1 Litre)
4	Rava	Rs.17/-(1 Kg)
5	Maida	Rs.16/-(1 Kg)

Government have decided to implement the scheme on a continuous basis. Based on the orders of Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu another important aspect of the scheme is distribution of Toor Dhall and Urad Dhall in lesser quantities i.e. 250 gram and 500 grams also to the card holders.

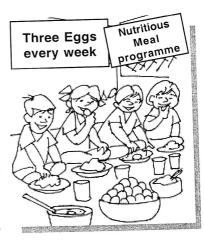
THREE EGGS PER WEEK FOR CHILDREN

The Government under the leadership of Dr.Kalaignar takes keen interest in the welfare of children and their development in order to improve the potential of future generation in Tamil Nadu.

Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.Kalaignar launched a new scheme on 03-06-1989 for providing one boiled egg in a fortnight for the children and the students in the age group of 2-15 years in Anganwadi and nutritious meal centres in schools. Subsequently, this was modified during April 1998 by the Government under the leadership of Dr.Kalaignar to provide one boiled egg every week for the nutritious meal beneficiaries.

It has been announced in the election manifesto for the year 2006, that two boiled eggs will be provided every week. In order to implement this announcement, Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr.Kalaignar immediately on assuming office, signed the concerned file and passed orders for providing two boiled eggs every week. This is a pioneer event in the history of democracy.

It was announced in the Budget for 2007-2008 that three boiled eggs will be provided every week along with nutritious meal.



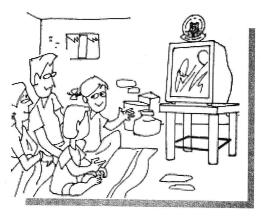
On that basis, it has been ordered that three boiled eggs will be provided every week from 15-07-2007, the birthday of Perunthalaivar Kamarajar. As a result, 71 lakh children and students in the age group of 2-15 years are benefited under this scheme through 87,642 Nutritious meal centres and Anganwadi centres functioning under MGR Nutritious Meal Programme and Integrated Child Development Services Scheme.

Further, Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered to provide one boiled egg every week to the children in the age group of 1-2 years also. About 2,40,017 children is benefited by this new scheme from 15-07-2007. The total expenditure for these schemes will be Rs.165 crores per annum.

The Supreme Court of India has advised that nutritious food with 300 calories of energy and 8-12 grams protein for a minimum of 200 days may be provided. However, nutritious meal is provided on all the 365 days throughout the year with 435 calories of energy and 10.6 grams of protein for the children and students in the age group of 2-10 years and for 220 days for the students of 11-15 years. Apart from this, it is significant to note that students are receiving 238.8 calories of energy and 18.36 grams of protein additionally every week since 3 boiled eggs are provided every week with nutritious meal.

DISTRIBUTION OF FREE COLOUR TELEVISIONS

In order to expand General Knowledge and to enhance entertainment value to the Women, the Government have decided to implement the Scheme of Distribution of Free Colour Television, to families who were not having a Colour Television. Families holding Ration Cards and no Colour Television will qualify to receive the Free Colour Television. It has been enumerated



that 1.75 Crore families are in this category. An Advisory Committee was formed including All-party MLAs for the successful implementation of the scheme. To ensure transparency in the selection of beneficiaries, Committees were also be constituted locally to select the beneficiaries at the level of Village Panchayats I Corporations I Municipal Corporations and Special Grade Village Panchayats and also a Technical Expert Committee was formed for procurement of Colour Televisions.

In pursuance, the Government have ordered in the first phase to distribute 30,000 Colour Televisions in all the districts on 15.9.2006, birthday of Arignar Anna at all the Periyar Memorial Samathuvapurams where all caste people are living together, and to all the scheduled tribe families living in the

Nilgiris district and also to the people living in Slum Clearance Board tenements one each in South and North Chennai. This scheme has been completed successfully on 16.9.2006.

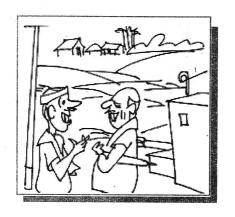
The Government also decided and ordered the distribution of 25 lakhs of Colour Televisions in the second phase in the year 2007, approximately 10,000 Colour Televisions per each assembly segment. This scheme was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.02.2007. 16,51,284 Colour Televisions have been distributed to the qualified beneficiaries till 02.09.2007 in all the districts.

One Deputy Collector at the district level and other supporting staff at the taluk level have been appointed to implement the scheme. For the effective implementation of the schemes, 164 Bolero Jeeps with required fuel were being allotted to the Deputy Collectors and Tahsildars at a total cost of Rs.7.70 crores and Rs.6.25 crores had been allocated to meet contingent expenditure.

DISTRIBUTION OF WASTE LANDS TO LANDLESS POOR AGRICULTURAL FAMILIES

As announced in the Budget speech for 2006-2007, the special scheme for distribution of Government waste lands to landless poor agricultural families was evolved. This is being implemented in the following three categories:

- Assignment of Government Poramboke lands free from encroachment.
- ii) Assignment of Government Poramboke lands encroached upon by landless, marginal and small farmers.
- iii) Development and Reclamation of Patta Waste lands owned by small and marginal farmers.



Certain Special measures have been introduced to ensure that the selection of beneficiaries by the Village Committees is open and transparent and it is subsequently placed before the Grama Sabhas. This apart, the land is distributed to the landless beneficiaries only after necessary land development and reclamation wherever required, dovetailing with various schemes being executed by the Departments of Agriculture and Rural Development.

The first Phase of the distribution of land under this scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar on 17.9.2006 in Thiruvallur District. During the first phase, a total extent of 25,282.11 acres under all the 3 categories mentioned above has been reclaimed wherever necessary and distributed to 24,358 landless and poor agricultural families. The Second Phase of distribution was launched on 17.12.2006 by the Hon'ble Chief Minister in Villupuram District. This has benefited 26,749 landless and poor agricultural families covering an extent of 25,805.53 acres. For the Third Phase distribution on 17.3.2007, an extent of 26,029.61 acres was distributed to 20,648 poor agricultural families.

For the IV Phase distribution on 17.6.2007 at Tirunelveli, an extent of

24,505.86 acres was distributed to 19821 poor agricultural families in all the above 3 categories.

Till date 1,01,623.11 acres of Waste lands have been distributed to the 91,576 poor agricultural families.

For the V phase distribution to be held on 17.9.2007, a target of 31,548.00 Acres of land has been fixed to the Collectors in all the above 3 categories. This scheme will continue to be implemented.

REGULARISATION OF ENCROACHMENTS IN GOVERNMENT PORAMBOKE LANDS

The Government issued orders to regularise the encroachments made in Government lands by way of construction of houses and living there for more than 10 years. This one time Special Scheme was in force upto 31.3.2001 and 1,95,957 housesite pattas have so far been issued.

As this scheme did not reach certain sections of people and did not achieve the expected result and in view of number of petitions received from public and a large number of Legislative Assembly Questions raised by Members of Legislative Assembly, the issue was discussed with the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar and after detailed

consideration, orders were issued to implement this scheme again.

According to this new Government order, the District Collectors have been empowered to regularise the encroachments made in all Government poramboke lands, (except the lands in and around Temples, Mosques and Churches which are classified for public purposes and not in use of their said classification but in use as Natham) by way of construction of houses and in occupation for more than 10 years and producing proper evidence for it. Certain ban orders imposed for more than 10 years and producing proper evidence for it. Certain ban imposed for assignment in orders objectionable poramboke lands are relaxed for this special scheme.

Since the time limit for implementing the one time special scheme was expired on 30.6.2007, orders have been issued on 30.6.2007, to extend the time limit by six more months. As per this special schemes 76,907 house pattas have been issued till 15.8.2007.

During the District Collectors Conference held on 30th of 31st of July, 2007, the Hon'ble Chief Minister Dr. Kalaignar has announced that 3 lakhs house site pattas will be issued before March, 2008. To achieve the above targets, the Special Commissioner of Land Administration has fixed a target for each District Collector. A High Level Officers Meeting by Chief Secretary was held on 20.8,2007. Accordingly this special scheme has been extended upto 31.3.2008. Many clarifications

and instructions were also issued to District Collectors. Certain powers were delegated to them for effective and successful early achievement of the above target. The Secretaries of Highways, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj, Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries, Public Works Departments were requested to issue necessary instructions to their Heads of Departments and district level officers to co-operate with the District Collector in the process of regularisation of encroachment for achievement of the target of issue of 3 lakh house site pattas as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

ANAITHU GRAMA ANNA MARUMALARCHI THITTAM (AGAMT)

The Government have launched a new scheme called the Anaithu Grama Anna Marumalarchi Thittam. The scheme aims at substantial mobilization of resources into the Village Panchayats and improvements of infrastructure in all the 12,618 Village Panchayats in the State over the next five years. In terms of allocation, this is the biggest scheme among all the Centrally and State sponsored schemes presently under implementation. After the implementation of the scheme there should be visible impact and distinct improvement in the quality and quantity of the amenities available in the Village Panchayat.

Based on the per capita income of Village Panchayats worked out by the districts, the list of villages to be taken year wise has been communicated to the districts. Under this scheme, in order to improve the basic infrastructure facilities in the Panchayats, priority has been given to the Village Panchayats in which the per capita income is very low. Based on this, one fifth of Village Panchayats in each Block has been prepared according to ascending order of per capita income and improvement of rural infrastructure will be taken up over a period of five years.

Under this programme, every Village Panchayat would get a direct State assistance of Rs.20 lakhs each. Out of this Rs.15 lakhs is for the tied component and Rs.5 lakhs is for the united component. However, this ceiling can be exceeded by drawing a part of the

untied component. However, a school sports centre can be developed for Rs.2 lakhs by taking Rs. 50,000 from the united component of Rs.5 lakhs.

For each of the AGAMT Village, a committee consisting of the following members will be given the responsibility for the selection of the works and finalisation of the exact location of the works

- i) Village Panchayat President concerned
- ii) Block Development Officer (Village Panchayats)
- iii) Assistant Engineer / Union Engineer of the concerned Block
- iv) Village Administrative Officer concerned.

The works taken up under AGAMT Scheme funds can be broadly grouped into two categories namely

- (A) Compulsory works
- (B) Optional works

Compulsory works:

There are five components under this category.

- (i) One pond/oorani/tank per village
- (ii) Sports centres
- (iii) Libraries
- (iv) Burial Ground/Cremation Ground
- (v) Water supply

Optional works:

The Following optional works can also be taken up under this scheme.

- (i) Cement concrete pavements
- (ii) Extention of street lights and installation of sodium vapour lamps / compact Fluorescent lamps (CFLS) / Fluorescent Tube lights
- (iii) Fish pond
- (iv) Shandies

The works not permitted under M.L.A.C.D.Scheme will not be permitted under this scheme also. One percent of the total annual allocation will be earmarked for Information, Educational and Communication activities pertaining to this scheme. A total of 2540 Village Panchayats have been selected

and works were taken up during 2006-07 under this scheme at a cost of Rs.513.08 Crores. 2534 Village Panchayats are being taken up under A.G.A.M.T during 2007-08. Hence, at the rate of Rs.20 lakh per Village Panchayat, a total of Rs.506.80 crores is allocated. In addition, 1% of the allocation (i.e) Rs.5.068 crores is allocated for Information, Education and Communication component of the scheme. Totally, an amount of Rs.511.868 crores is allocation for AGAMT during 2007-08.

MULTIMEDIA PUBLICITY CAMPAIGNS

Instead of people approaching the Government for benefits, the Tamil Nadu Government reaches out to the public and embraces them with the multi schemes which provide benefits. This is the motto of the Multi Media Publicity Campaigns held in the State of Tamil Nadu. Here, the District administration integrates all the Departments and organises exhibitions in the Rural Areas after assessing the necessity for conducting such shows. The exhibition displays to the beneficiaries through Photos and Movies the details about Schemes and achievements of the Government, so as to enable them to avail the benefits of schemes easily. These shows bring awareness among public and

throw transparency in the implementation of the developmental schemes. At these exhibition cum campaign shows, departments display their welfare schemes exclusively through these modes. Every department while reaching the targeted with their activities, enlightens on the eligibility for availing the benefits of the schemes. Apart from this, petitions are received from the public during the camps or shows and redressed then and there on priority basis. Medical camps, Livestock camps are also conducted along with the shows and exhibition for the public. In the evening, folk dances and cultural programmes are conducted as entertainment to the public as well as to educate them on the welfare schemes.

For the purpose of organising multimedia campaigns, the Government have sanctioned Rs.1 lakh per district and Rs.30 lakhs for the entire state last year.



