

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No 12505 Dated, Bhubaneswar 28/08/2021
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From,
 M.Q. Haque, OAS
 Additional Secretary to Government

To,
 All Collectors

Sub: Implementation of the new scheme 'Supply of Dry Ration to Migrant Labourers/Workers'.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to inform you that Government has been pleased to implement the new scheme called '**Supply of dry ration to migrant labourers/workers**' in the State with immediate effect. The detailed modalities of the scheme are attached at Annexure for reference.

It is requested to take immediate necessary steps for smooth implementation of the above scheme in the district.

Yours faithfully

Memo No 12506 Date 28/08/2021
 Additional Secretary to Government

Copy forwarded to the Principal Secretary to Government, Labour and E.S.I Department, Odisha/Principal Secretary to Government, Panchayati Raj & Drinking Water Department/Principal Secretary to Government, H&UD Department for kind information and necessary action.

Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No 12507 Date 28/08/2021

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, OSCSC Ltd, Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action. It is requested to add the new head in SCMS application software for issue of rice after receipt of allocation from this Department.

Additional Secretary to Government

Memo No 12508 Date 28/08/2021

Copy forwarded to all Chief Civil Supplies Officers/Civil Supplies Officers for information & necessary action. They are requested to coordinate with concerned Stakeholders for smooth & successful implementation of the new scheme as per the modalities at Annexure.

Additional Secretary to Government

Scheme for providing Dry ration to Migrant Labourers/Workers

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, in Suo-Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No 6 of 2020 'In Re: Problems And Miseries of Migrant labourers' has taken cognisance of the fact that a large number of migrant workers do not possess ration cards and has issued directions to the State Government to bring in place an appropriate scheme for distribution of dry ration to migrant labourers.

In compliance to the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, a new scheme is proposed to be implemented in the State with immediate effect.

The scheme may be called as '**Supply of dry ration to migrant labourers/workers**'. The scheme remains in force till the current pandemic (COVID-19) continues or until further orders.

1. Dry ration shall continue to be supplied to the existing migrant labourers/workers covered under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) through One Nation One Ration Card programme by intra-State and inter-State/UTs operations.
2. Similarly, those covered under the State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) will continue to get their ration and can avail One Nation One Ration Card facility within the State.
3. Migrant labourers/workers, those who do not possess ration cards, shall be supplied with dry ration as per the following modalities:

- a) **Registration of Migrant Workers:** Registration shall be made at Gram Panchayat (Rural) level/ULB (Urban) level.

Rural Area: Identification & registration by PEO.

Urban Area: Identification & registration by Community Organizer.

- b) The authorities registering the Migrant labourers/workers, shall not insist for production of Identity proof for those who do not possess any proofs for the time-being. Such Migrant labourer/worker shall be registered on self declaration given by them.
- c) The list of registered Migrant labourers/workers shall be submitted to the Supervising Officer within two days of the registration:

Supervising Officer for Rural Area: ABDO/PA of the Block.

Supervising Officer for Urban Area: Deputy Commissioner/EO.

- d) The concerned Supervising Officer will conduct/get conducted field enquiry regarding genuineness of the Migrant labourers/workers within 03 (three) days of receipt of the list.
- e) Once the list of genuine Migrant labourers/workers is prepared at the Block/ULB level, then requisition will be sent for foodgrains through BDO/MI to the Collector and then to the Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department.
- f) Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department will allocate foodgrains to be distributed among the Migrant labourers/workers.
- g) **Scale of dry ration to be supplied:** Each registered Migrant labourer/worker shall be issued rice free of cost @5 kgs per person per month. The family members of the Migrant labourers/workers, beyond the age of 6 months are also eligible for @5 kgs of rice per person per month free of cost.
- h) **Distribution of foodgrains:** The ration can be distributed at the Fair Price Shop or Gram Panchayat whichever is convenient by informing the registered Migrant labourers/workers. The Fair Price Shops/GPs distributing foodgrains to the registered Migrant labourers/workers, will distribute the same as per the list prepared by the District Civil Supplies Office and shall not insist for production of identity proof for those who do not possess any proofs for the time-being. Such Migrant labourers/workers shall be issued rice either on production of an identity card or on self declaration given by them.
- i) Distribution Register/Sales Register must be maintained regarding distribution of dry-ration in the following format:

Sl No	Name of the Migrant Labourer/ Worker	State	District/ Block/ ULB	Total Number of Family Members	Qty. of Foodgrains Supplied	Signature/ LTI
1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- j) The scheme may be subjected to Social Audit as will be decided by the Government at appropriate time.
4. **Meeting rice requirement from State pool:** The required quantum of additional rice shall be met from the State pool for the first month of distribution and shall be replenished after receipt of the same from Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India.
5. Labour & ESI Department will make wide publicity of the scheme.
6. This scheme is not a replacement/substitute to the GR Cards (Special Relief Code) and Community Kitchens being organized for the people in distress.

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