

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

ABSTRACT

TAMIL NADU GOVERNMENT NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAMME - SUPPLY OF EGGS TO CHILDREN IN THE NUTRITIOUS MEAL CENTRES - PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS - ISSUED.

BACKWARD CLASSES WELFARE, NUTRITIOUS MEAL PROGRAMME
AND SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.499

Dated 26th May '89

READ:-

1. Lr.No.41072/AH1/89 dt.12.4.89 from the Director of Social Welfare.
2. Lr.No.J4/20389/89 dt.12.4.89 from the Chief Conservator of Forests.
3. Lr.No.65079/TGNMP-HS2/89 dt.24.4.89 from the Director of School Education.
4. Lr.No.35072/B.IX(6)/89 dt.24.4.89 from the Director of Elementary Education.
5. Lr.No.27412/89 NM(Ad)I dt.24.4.89 from the Director of Municipal Administration, Madras.
6. Lr.No.K2/28717/89 dt.26.4.89 from the Director of Adi-Dravidar & Tribal Welfare.
7. Lr.No.C2/14477/89 dt.27.4.89 from the Director of Backward Classes.
8. Lr.No.K5/7443/89 dt.nil from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.
9. Telex dt.26.4.89 from the Commissioner, Corporation of Madras.
10. Lr.No.42388/89/K8 dt.24.4.89 from the Commissioner, Corporation of Coimbatore.
11. Lr.No.5990/M/89 dt.9.5.89 from the Managing Director, TAPCO and Lr.No. 5990/M1/89 dt.15.5.89.

ORDER:

Chief Minister has announced on the floor of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly on 31.3.89 that one egg will be supplied every fortnight to all children under Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme. In pursuance of this announcement, the Collectors of Districts, the Heads of Departments concerned with the Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme and three Commissioners of Corporations at Madras, Madurai and Coimbatore were immediately consulted for furnishing data as to the total requirements of eggs to be supplied to the beneficiaries of children under the Programme who like to take eggs and also about the mode of supply and the procedures

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to be adopted for avoiding pilferage of eggs. The P.A. (Nutritious Meal Programme) to the Collectors of all Districts, certain selected Heads of Departments, Secretaries to Governments of Administrative Departments, the Chairman and Managing Director, TAPCO and the Chairman and Managing Director, Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation were also consulted for their views in regard to supply of eggs to the children in the Nutritious Meal Centres in a special meeting convened by the Minister for Social Welfare and Rural Industries on 12.5.89. Taking into account the views expressed by them and on the basis of the discussions held in the above meeting and in the subsequent meeting presided over by Minister (Social Welfare and Rural Industries) on 13.5.89, Government have decided to pass the following orders:-

- i) All the pre-school children including children covered by ICDS Projects, Children in Elementary Schools, Middle Schools and High/Higher Secondary Schools in Stds. I to X who are now covered under Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programmes, should be given one egg once in a fortnight;
- ii) The eggs should be given only in the form of full-boiled eggs to those children who would like to take eggs. Children below 2 years who are given supplementary feeding in ICDS Centres, need not be supplied eggs.
- iii) While supplying the eggs to the children, it should be borne in mind that on no account eggs should be given during holidays including National and Festival Holidays, with a view to avoid misuse and scope for maintaining false accounts.
- iv) No extra cost should be incurred towards fuel, even though only full boiled eggs will be supplied to the children by Child Welfare Organisers/Nutritious Meal Organisers in the respective centres.
- v) The scheme of supply of eggs should commence from 3.6.1989. In view of this, those categories of Government and other schools which re-open

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on or after 1.6.89 may distribute the supply of eggs to the entitled beneficiaries of children on 3.6.89. In respect of other categories of schools which re-open on or after 5.6.1989, the first fortnight supply of eggs should be done either on 9.6.89 or 12.6.89 whichever is convenient.

- vi) The supply of eggs to the children during the second fortnight of June, '89, should be staggered in such a way ranging from 15.6.89 to 30.6.89 covering all the children beneficiaries in Pre-school to High/Higher Secondary Schools. Even this supply should be made only during the working days of the schools avoiding holidays. These orders will apply to all the children beneficiaries including those covered under the control of the Directorate of Backward Classes Welfare, Directorate of Most Backward Classes Welfare, Directorate of Adi-Dravidar & Tribal Welfare, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Chief Conservator of Forests and the Commissioners of Corporation of Madras, Madurai and Coimbatore besides Directorate of Social, Directorate of School Education and Directorate of Elementary Education. The supply of eggs to the children to the said categories of beneficiaries should be staggered in such a way by the Collectors of the Districts, the concerned Heads of Departments and the three Commissioners of Corporations of Madras, Madurai and Coimbatore from 1.7.89 onwards without causing any difficulties or dislocation to the programme by issuing suitable instructions to all the authorities concerned.

2. District Collectors/Heads of Departments concerned in Madras city will be the authorities to draw and disburse payments for eggs supplied in the districts/in Madras city. They are permitted to operate the head of account

paras of this G.O. They should promptly send monthly particulars of expenditure incurred on or before the 10th of succeeding month to Backward Classes Welfare, Nutritious Meal Programme & Social Welfare Department.

3. As regards the supply of eggs required for the children under TGNMP, the Government direct that the following procedures should be followed:-

- i) Open tenders should be invited by the Collectors of the Districts except Madras by taking into account the total requirements of eggs for all the categories of entitled beneficiaries of children for the supply of eggs to all the NMP centres in their areas. The tenders to be invited should be on Panchayat Unionwise basis and the delivery point should be all the NMP centres and the price to be quoted by tenderers should include Cost, Insurance and Freight and all other charges upto the NMP centres for the period 1.7.89 to 31.12.89 except in respect of the centres in the areas covered by the Corporations of Madras, Madurai & Coimbatore. Chairman & Managing Director,
- ii) The TAPCO has agreed to undertake the supply of eggs to the NMP centres in the areas under the control of Commissioners of Corporation at Madras, Madurai and Coimbatore. Accordingly the supply of eggs for the said 3 areas is entrusted to TAPCO for the period from 1.7.89 to 31.12.89 subject to the terms and conditions specified below:-

- i) The eggs to be supplied should be fresh and of good quality weighing not less than 45 grams.
- ii) TAPCO should provide paper plastic plates for storing eggs and have them retrieved at the time of subsequent supply in the next fortnight with suitable arrangements to be

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iii) Delivery of eggs should be made at the respective Child Welfare Centres/NMP centres in the areas entrusted to TAPCO. The indenting officer should nominate a person for taking delivery of eggs. The nominated person will acknowledge the supply in the delivery note sent by the TAPCO authorities. It is the responsibility of the nominated/authorised official to take and check the required delivery of good eggs. The TAPCO will not accept any breakages once the supply is delivered at the respective centres. The supply of eggs should be staggered for different areas and actual days of supply will be informed to the respective centres and the authorised official in turn will arrange to receive eggs on those days. The rate of eggs to be supplied by TAPCO will be fixed by them based on the procurement rate, transport charges, handling expenses, etc. The indenting officer should effect 90% advance payment for each quarter before the 15th of the first month of that quarter.

In so far as the supply of eggs by TAPCO to the Corporation areas of Madras is concerned, the advance payment should be drawn and disbursed by the DMA and in respect of similar supply of eggs made by TAPCO to the pre-school centres/Elementary & Middle School centres/High/Higher Secondary School Centres are concerned, the advance payment should be drawn and disbursed by the respective Heads of Departments concerned within a period of fortnight to TAPCO. In so far as the NMP centres under the control of the Commissioners of Corporation of Madurai & Coimbatore are concerned, the advance payment should be drawn and disbursed to TAPCO by the respective Collectors of the Districts concerned. The final payment should be settled subject to submission of detailed vouchers and after complete

supplies are effected by TAPCO for each quarter. Particulars of expenditure incurred should be promptly furnished to BCW, NMP & SW Department without fail.

iii) The Collectors of the Districts/Heads of Departments concerned are instructed to furnish the list of centres with details of postal address and number of children likely to be benefitted under the scheme of supply of eggs immediately to the TAPCO so that TAPCO could finalise the supply routes and the supply of articles under the programme. The bills in regard to the supply of eggs made by the successful tenderers from 1.7.89 to 31.12.89 should be settled by the Collectors of the Districts within a period of fortnight except Collector of Madras.

iv) The Collectors of all the Districts except Madras should take all possible steps to see that the open tenders are published in all prominent dailies both in English and Tamil. The successful tenderers should undertake the supply of eggs to the delivery points specified by the Collectors of the Districts subject to the conditions of tenders specified by them and deliver the supplies to the respective TGNMP centres to be indicated by them. The tenderers should supply the eggs to the respective centres one day prior to the date of supply fixed for the centres in a fortnight so that there will be no interruption or delay on the particular day on which it has been decided to give the supply of eggs. The Collectors are requested to see that apart from collecting the EMD from all the tenderers, the value of the month's supply of eggs covering the period from 1.7.89 to 31.12.89 is calculated and collected by cash/DD as security deposit from the successful tenderers while accepting the conditions of tender and that this should form part & parcel of the conditions of tender.

v) The tenders to be called for by the Collectors of the Districts should cover also the centres in the respective Municipal areas which are included in the respective Panchayat Union areas in the Districts.

vi) The tenderer will have the option to supply eggs in cardboards or in plastic containers and have them retrieved at the time of the ^{subsequent} supply in the next fortnight. The

respective centres and he should replace all the damaged or rotten eggs.

VII) Soon after the procedure for calling for the tenders is complied with, the acceptance or selection of successful tenderers should be entrusted to the Committee to be constituted in each District consisting of the respective Collectors as Chairman, Personal Assistant (Nutritious Meal Programme) to the Collectors and Commissioners, Panchayat Union as the members of the Committee. They are competent to select the successful tenderers subject to the specified conditions of tender and the decision of the Committee will be final.

VIII) Bearing in mind the short time at disposal and considering the urgency of the matter, it is also directed that so far as the supply of eggs for two fortnights for the month of June, 1989 is concerned, the Child Welfare Organisers/Nutritious Meal Organisers of the centres concerned may be permitted by the Collectors of the Districts/Heads of Departments concerned to purchase the eggs required for the respective centres based on the actual requirements locally. If the eggs are available in the Co-operative units or retail outlets in the area, they may be allowed to purchase them taking into consideration the quality of the eggs supplied from both the sources and the price advantage available on that day as in the case of vegetables purchased by them for the centres. The Collectors of the Districts (except Madras) and the Heads of Departments concerned with the implementation of Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme are requested to ensure that the local purchase of eggs required for the month of June, 1989 should be made at the rate not exceeding 50 paise (Fifty paise only) per egg of 45 grams of good quality eggs. This is only an upper ceiling and the endeavour of Child Welfare Organisers/Nutritious Meal Organisers should be to purchase quality eggs at prices below this limit.

IX) Orders in regard to the conditions of the tender on which the tenders should be invited by the District Collectors will issue separately.

A The Collectors of the Districts, Heads of Departments concerned with the Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme are requested to see that the following guidelines are scrupulously

followed by all authorities and subordinate officers concerned.

a) The supply of eggs should be done in the presence of a Supervising Officer to be nominated by the Collectors of the Districts concerned at the time of each supply in a fortnight in each centre whose responsibility is to supervise properly the distribution of eggs to the children on the appointed day and eliminate scope for misuse or pilferage of eggs.

b) Each centre should have a permanent indicator about the date or day of supply of eggs and the day on which it will be given to children so as to avoid malpractices.

c) Proper vouchers should be maintained by each Child Welfare Organisers/Nutritious Meal Organisers on the day of distribution of the eggs to the children and they should be verified and countersigned by the responsible officer deputed by the Collectors concerned.

d) (i) The eggs supplied to the children should be definitely of medium size and the weight should not be less than 45 grams, and checked by foolproof methods by the Child Welfare Organisers/Nutritious Meal Organisers on the date of delivery by the tenderers before acceptance.

(ii) In case eggs are not served or unavailed of by any entitled beneficiary on the fixed day in a fortnight or account of absence of that beneficiary for one or two days on any ground, they may be served to that eligible beneficiary on the days when they attend the centre and take into account the eggs so served.

e) Separate guidelines should be given by the Collectors to their subordinate Officers for maintaining the registers for the supply of eggs as in the case of supply of free books or uniforms or dietary articles to children. Nutritious Meal Organisers/Child Welfare Organisers should maintain separate Attendance Register, Stock Register and Issue Register in regard to the supply of eggs specifically for this purpose. The accounts registers and other registers mentioned above should be made available at any time for scrutiny by the Supervisory/Inspecting Local Fund Audit Officers whenever required.

f) The Collectors of the Districts are requested to issue suitable guidelines and instructions to the grant-sanctioning authorities of the respective Departments implementing this programme to see that the amount required for the purchase of eggs from open market by the Nutritious Meal Organisers/Child Welfare Organisers for the month of June, 1989 is obtained from the advance grant released to them for the first quarter beginning from 1st April, 1989. This amount should be recouped under proper orders and subject to production of vouchers and scrutiny by the grant-releasing authorities for the amount spent. This will enable the Nutritious Meal Organisers/Child Welfare Organisers to meet the initial expenditure involved in the local purchase of eggs for the two fortnights during the month of June, 1989.

5. The Collectors of the Districts and Heads of Departments concerned with the Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme are further requested to issue supplemental instructions wherever necessary to the subordinate officers concerned ~~including points of clarifications that may arise during implementation~~ in order to implement the scheme without any difficulty and without giving room for any complaints whatsoever.

b. The monthly return prescribed in annexure-II to this G.O. should be sent by all Collectors/Heads of Departments concerned before 10th of the succeeding month. The special report for the month of June, 1989 should be sent before 5-7-89 to Government by Collectors/Heads of Departments concerned without fail.

7. The expenditure to be incurred in regard to the local purchase of eggs for the initial period of June, 1989 and for future months under tender system should be debited to the detailed head of account mentioned below:-

The expenditure on the supply of eggs to the beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme shall be debited to the new sub-head of account viz.,

" JL Payment for supply of eggs
to the beneficiaries under
Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious
Meal Programme "

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TO be opened under Demand No. : 30 Social Welfare
Major Head : 2236 Nutrition
Sub-Major Head : 02 Distribution of Nutritious
Food and Beverages
Minor Head : 102 Mid-day Meals -
Schemes in the Seventh Five Year
Plan - II State Plan.

8. The Backward Classes Welfare, Nutritious Meal Programme and Social Welfare Department will be budget estimating controlling and reconciling authority for the head of account authorised above. They should collect particulars from District Collectors/Heads of Departments concerned and propose estimates for Budget Estimate/Revised Estimate/Final Modified Appropriation each year. The Treasury Officers/Pay and Accounts Officers should open the new Head of account now ordered above. Backward Classes Welfare, Nutritious Meal Programme and Social Welfare Department and the Director of Treasuries and Accounts are requested to communicate the E P Code to their subordinates concerned and also all concerned Heads of Departments to ensure noting of Correct Head/Code in the bills.

9. The expenditure on the supply of eggs to the beneficiaries under the Tamil Nadu Government Nutritious Meal Programme is an item of "New Service" and approval of the Legislature will be obtained in due course. Pending approval of the Legislature, the expenditure will be initially met by an advance drawn from contingency Fund, orders regarding which will be issued from the Finance (BG.I) Department based on the application received in this regard from the Backward Classes Welfare, Nutritious Meal Programme and Social Welfare Department, Madras. The Backward Classes Welfare, Nutritious Meal Programme and Social Welfare Department is requested to send the applications immediately to the Government in the Finance (BG.I) Department in the prescribed proforma together with a copy of this order for releasing the advance from the Contingency Fund.

10. This order issues with the concurrence of the

Finance Department Vide its U.O. No.2186/FS/(P)/89,
Dated 24-5-89.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

R. Shanmugasigamani,
Secretary to Government.

To

The Collectors of all Districts (except Madras).
The Director of School Education, Madras-6.
The Director of Municipal Administration, Madras-5.
The Director of Elementary Education, Madras-6.
The Director of Social Welfare, Madras-35.
The Director of Backward Classes, Madras-5.
The Director of Most Backward Classes and
Notified Tribes, Madras-5.
The Director of Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare,
Madras-5.
The Chief Conservator of Forests, Madras-6.
The Examiner of Local Fund Accounts, Madras-2.
The Commissioner, Corporation of Madras, Madras-3.
The Commissioner, Corporation of Madurai.
The Commissioner, Corporation of Coimbatore.
The Chairman and Managing Director, TAPCO,
105, Habibullah Road, Madras-17.
The Commissioner, Rural Development Department, Madras-108.
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The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Madras-35.
The Finance (BG.I), (BG.II), (SW), (W & M), Madras-9.

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Madras-9.
Forests and Environment Control Department, Madras-9,
Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, Madras-9,
Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare Department, Madras-9.
Backward Classes Welfare, Nutritious Meal Programme and
Social Welfare Department (BC Section, SW.II), Madras-9.
Education Department, Madras-9.
Information and Tourism Department, Madras-9.

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Section Officer