



**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA  
FOOD CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT  
MEGHALAYA, SHILLONG – 793 001**

**NO.FCS.40/2020/Pt.I/4**

**Dated 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2020**

**ORDER**

It has come to light in some districts that rice is being distributed free of cost outside the norms of NFSA and Public Distribution System (PDS) and norms of SDRF relating to relief camps and migrant labourers. The rice that is distributed as a relief measure has to be sourced from the open market quota of the district and is technically purchased by the State Government from SDRF / NDRF.

All Deputy Commissioners are hereby directed to strictly ensure that NFSA or PDS stock is not distributed free of cost as the normal allocation of NFSA is also at the rate of Rs. 3 per kg and not free. The NFSA allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana is however free but it is routed through the Public Distribution System without any leakages. Any diversion of NFSA or PDS stock will be viewed very seriously by the Government and will invite penal action against the erring district.

Deputy Commissioners are also advised to note that elaborate guidelines have been issued by Secretary, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department regarding the Open Market Sale Scheme - OMSS (Domestic) and the rice so procured by the state government and lifted by State Government approved wholesale PDS nominees / dealers also is for open market sale at prices monitored by respective Deputy Commissioners.

Kindly adhere to the instructions above and ensure transparency of lifting and distribution and control of prices. Steps need to be taken to prevent hoarding and diversion of essential commodities and black-marketing of PDS or OMSS rice.

Shri. M. S. Rao, I.A.S,  
Chief Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Meghalaya, Shillong.  
Dated Shillong, the 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

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Copy to:-

1. P.S to the Chief Minister, Meghalaya, Shillong for kind information
2. P.S to the Hon'ble Minister In-charge, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Government of Meghalaya for kind information
3. Director, Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Meghalaya, Shillong
4. Deputy Commissioner (S) Jowai / Khliehriat / Nongpoh / Mawkkyrwat / Tura / Shillong / Nongstoin/ Williamnagar / Baghmara / Ampati / Resubelpara
5. Sub-Divisional Officer(S) Dadenggre / Amlarem / Sohra / Mairang
6. All concerned Government approved PDS Wholesale Nominees.

Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya  
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department  
Meghalaya, Shillong.