

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA****Abstract**

Food & Civil Supplies Department – Assistance for the Implementation of National Food Security Act – Annual Maintenance Contract of e-PoS machines, Thermal Paper Roll and SIM charges-Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

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Food & Civil Supplies (B) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.157/2025/F&CS Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03-06-2025

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Read 1 G.O.(Rt)No.192/17/F&CSD dated 03.06.2017

2 Letter no.CCS/1605/2025-H3 dated 09.05.2025 from the Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs Thiruvananthapuram.

3 Minutes of the Special Working Group meeting held on 23.05.2025

4 Govt. Letter. No. B1/51/2023/F&CSD dtd 02.06.2025

**ORDER**

Government as per the G.O. read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above have accorded administrative sanction to Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs to utilize an amount of Rs.54,72,02,000/- ( Rupees Fifty four Crore Seventy two Lakhs Two Thousand only) in connection with the purchase of e-pos device and solutions. On expiry of the AMC contract entered with M/s Linkwell Tele System Pvt. Ltd, the company that installed e-PoS machines operating in ration depot of the State, on May 2023, the same has been extended to the company up to 31 August 2025. As such, the renewal of AMC contracts of e-PoS machines operating in the ration depots is urgently required.

2. e-PoS machines have a very important role in monitoring the PDS distribution system. e-PoS enabled online transaction helps to keep a track of food grains given to each ration card holder and thereby ensure the prevention of illegal sale of ration items by verifying the identity of the beneficiary with minimal manual intervention to reduce the chance for any leakage of food grains.e-PoS machines placed at Fair Price Shops require 2



SIMs for network connection. Thermal paper rolls are required for printing bills from E-Pos machines.

3. The Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs as per the letter read as 2nd paper above had informed that since the budget provision for the scheme under the head is 3456-00-001-78 - 00-34-03-(PV) is only 1746.32 lakhs, a proposal with the following components has been placed before the Special Working Group and had also requested to accord Comprehensive Administrative Sanction for an amount of Rs 35 crore (Rupees Thirty Five Crore only) for the Annual Maintenance Contract of e-PoS machines for a period of three years.

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| AMC for e-PoS Machines | 11.5 crore           |
| Thermal Paper roll     | 3.5 crore            |
| SIM Charges            | 2.4632 crore         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>17.4632 crore</b> |

Implementing Agency : Kerala State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd(Supplyco)

Funding Plan : Through Supplementary Demand for Grants

Monitoring mechanism : Periodical monitoring of process of work and receipt of funds

4. The Special Working Group for plan schemes, in its meeting held on 23.05.2025 approved the proposal and recommended to issue Comprehensive In principle Administrative Sanction for an amount for Rs.35 Crore for the Annual Maintenance Contract of e-PoS machines for a period of three years on condition that the annual expenditure should not exceed the budget provision and the budget provision for 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 shall be regulated accordingly.

5. In the above circumstance, Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for a total amount of 17.4632 crore for the Annual Maintenance Charges of e-PoS Machines, Thermal Paper Roll and SIM charges as proposed by the Commissioner, Civil Supplies and Consumer affairs subject to the conditions specified by the Special Working Group as well as the following general conditions :-

- i. The expenditure would be met from the budget provision available under the Head of Account 3456-00-001-78-00-34-03 (PV)
- ii. The fund release will be based on actual requirement and the fund



- released should not be parked in Banks.
- iii. Store Purchase Rules shall be strictly adhered to.
  - iv. Tender / e-tender and other stipulated formalities shall be followed wherever necessary.
  - v. For Civil Works, CPWD rates shall be followed.
  - vi. Post Creation and Purchase of Vehicles are not admissible under the schemes.
  - vii. For hiring project staff / man power as part of project implementation, instructions issued in GO(P) No.76/2019/Fin dated 02.07.2019 and GO(P) No.81/2019/Fin dated 09.07.2019 shall be followed.

6. Considering the recommendation of the Special Working Group meeting read as 3rd paper above, Government are pleased to accord Comprehensive Administrative Sanction for a total amount of Rs 35 Crore for the Annual Maintenance Contract of e-PoS machines for a period of three years with the condition that the annual expenditure should not exceed the budget provision and the budget provision for 2026-27 and 2027-28 shall be regulated accordingly.

7. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs shall follow all the prescribed guidelines, rules and other formalities and procedures for implementation of the schemes. Proposals for release of funds should contain break up of expenditure, report on the component-wise expenditure of the funds released during the previous year and component wise utilization certificates in the prescribed proforma.

(By order of the Governor)  
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SECRETARY

To:

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs,  
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The Chairman & Managing Director, SUPPLYCO, Kochi.

The Principal Accountant General (A&E / Audit), Thiruvananthapuram

Store Purchase Departments

Finance Planning (B) Department

Finance (Agri-C) Department

Planning and Economic Affairs Department

Food & Civil Supplies (A) Department

☒ Information & Public Relation Department

Stock File (B1/65/2025-FCSD)



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