

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

Food & Civil Supplies Department – State Plan Schemes 2025-26– Assistance for the Implementation of National Food Security Act–Establishing adequate storage space for all FPS in the state - Administrative Sanction accorded-r Orders issued.

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**Food & Civil Supplies (B) Department**

G.O.(Rt)No.164/2025/F&CS Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 06-06-2025

Read 1 Proposal Submitted by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, TVPM before the Working Group Committee.

2 Minutes of the Special Working Group meeting held on 23.05.2025

**ORDER**

KTPDS Control Order 2021, para 32(1) stipulate that Fair Price Shops shall possess or able to provide a strong and spacious building having capacity to store food grains requirement of two months at 14 sq.ft per 10 quintal basis together with separate working space of 40 sq.ft and kerosene storage space at 5 sq.ft per barrel. Since most of the ration shops in the state do not meet the above criteria, the existing area of such shops have to be increased. An amount of ₹1.45 Crores have been earmarked in the current financial year budget for that purpose.

2. In the above circumstances, The Commissioner of the Civil Supplies



and Consumer Affairs Department had submitted the proposal read as 1<sup>st</sup> paper above before the Special Working Group to accord Administrative Sanction for Establishing adequate storage space for all FPS in the state as detailed below.

The amount allocated in the budget will be disbursed to FPS dealers by way of financial assistance against their loan from banks. It is expected that nationalized banks will provide loan to the FPS dealers at a reduced interest rate. Hence banks in tune with their reduced offer, may be directed to issue loans up to a maximum amount of Rs.3 Lakhs.

**Mode of Implementation and Expenditure estimated**

- i) Ration shops functioning in own building of FPS dealers having enough and suitable land for expansion will be selected for the scheme. After inspection report of concerned Taluk Supply Officers and an amount of ₹3,00,000/- (maximum) will be provided by banks as loan.
- ii) Negotiation with Banks for reduced interest rate.
- iii) After reaching a final rate, FPS dealers are directed to avail loan from that Bank.(Loan duration – 60 months)
- iv) On availing loan and after completion of expansion work,(based on TSO's certificate) 50% of interest amount, calculated at simple rate, up to 31-03-2026 will be transferred to the loan account of the FPS dealers by the department.
- v) Using the allocated amount, minimum 2000 shops can be included this year.



Implementing Agency : Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Funding Plan: as explained above. Monitoring mechanism : Periodical monitoring by the Commissioner, of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department

3. The Special Working Group for plan schemes, in its meeting held on 23/05/2025 approved the proposal as these components are included in the plan write up.

4. In the above circumstances Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for a total amount of ₹1.45 Crore for Establishing adequate storage space for all FPS in the state 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 provision available under the appropriate Head of Account 3456-00-001-78-00-34-03-(P) – (V)
- 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.

5. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies 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:

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The Principal Accountant General(A&E / Audit),  
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Finance (Agri-C)Department

Planning and Economic Affairs Department

Food & Civil Supplies (A)Department

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