

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

Food & Civil Supplies Department - State Plan Schemes 2025-26- Assistance for the Implementation of National Food Security Act - Implementation of Linking Electronic Weighing Scale with e-PoS machines - Administrative Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

Food & Civil Supplies (B) Department

G.O.(Rt)No.173/2025/F&CS Dated,Thiruvananthapuram, 11-06-2025

- Read 1. G.O(Rt)No.2/2025/F&CS dated 01.01.2025
2. Proposal submitted by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Thiruvananthapuram dated 12.05.2025.
 3. Minutes of the Special Working Group Meeting held on 23.05.2025

ORDER

The Government of Kerala has implemented NFSA-2013 in the State with effect from 01.11.2016. Simultaneously the End to End Computerization of the Public Distribution System was also implemented. As a part of this e-PoS machines were installed at all the Ration Shops in Kerala. With the intension of avoiding malpractices relating to weighment of foodgrains,electronic weighing scales are proposed to be integrated with the e-PoS machines installed at Ration Shops so that the correct weighment of food grains will be recorded in the e-PoS and bill will be printed accordingly. After completing the process of connecting e-PoS machines with weighing scale, Fair Price Shop dealers additional margin will be increased from Rs.17/- to Rs.21/-.One of this Rs.4/- enhancement only Rs.2/- per quintal (which is 50% of Rs.4/-) will be given by Government of India.

2. Government as per the G.O. read as 1st paper above have accorded Administrative Sanction to Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs of Rs.33.5 Crores (budget allocation for the financial year 2024-25 was Rs.10.82 Crores) for the implementation of Linking of Electronic Weighing Scale with e-PoS machines in the Financial Year

2024-2025. Accordingly tender processes are in progress. During this financial year the payment towards the supply, delivery, installation, and integration has to be paid.

3. In the above circumstances, the Commissioner of the Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department had submitted the proposal, read as the 2nd paper above, before the Special Working Group to accord Administrative Sanction for utilising an amount of ₹10 Crore for the implementation of the linking of Electronic Weighing Scales with e-PoS machines, from the Head of Account '3456-00-001-78-00-34-03-(PV)'. The purchase of the electronic weighing scales is through e-tender. The bids received in the said tender are scrutinised by the Pre-qualification Committee, Technical Evaluation Committee, and Financial Evaluation Committee, all headed by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs. Purchase order will be issued only after this process. This constitutes the monitoring mechanism, and the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs is the implementing agency.

4. The Special Working Group for plan schemes, in its meeting held on 23.05.2025 approved the proposal and had recommended to issue Administrative Sanction as this component is included in the plan writeup.

5. Government are pleased to accord Administrative Sanction for a total amount of Rs.10,00,00,000/- (Rupees Ten Crores only) for the implementation of Linking of the Electronic Weighing scale with the e-PoS machines 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 (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 scheme.

- vii. For hiring of project staff/man power as part of project implementation, instructions issued in G.O(P)No.76/2019/Fin. Dated 02.07.2019 and G.O(P)No.81/2019/Fin dated 09.07.2019 shall be followed.

6. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs shall follow all the prescribed guidelines, rules and other formalities and procedures for implementation of the scheme.

(By order of the Governor)
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SECRETARY

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