

Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Department

Introductions :

- Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies is the administrative Department at the Government level. Under this Department there are four Heads of Departments:
 - Commissioner of Civil Supplies;
 - Controller, Legal Metrology;
 - A.P.State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd., and
 - A.P.State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

- The Civil Supplies Department was originally only a regulatory Department. Subsequently, its activities have been diversified to include procurement of food grains under Minimum Support Price (MSP), distribution of scheduled commodities (viz. Rice, Wheat Atta, Sugar and Red gram dal) through Fair Price Shops under the Public Distribution System at subsidized rates through issue of computerized cards, consumer affairs, monitoring of prices of essential commodities, distribution of LPG connections to BPL women (Deepam Scheme), Enrollment under UID (Aadhaar) etc.,

Vision:

- To see a food secured Andhra Pradesh where all citizens have access to food grains and other essential commodities, and other related services.

Mission:

- To ensure availability of all scheduled commodities under PDS as per the entitlements under the National Food Security Act, 2013 to the Ration card holders of the state through Public Distribution System; while ensuring Minimum Support Price to the paddy farmers, controlling price through market intervention, and reducing the related public grievances.

Functions:

- Procurement of Paddy, coarse grains like Maize, Jowar, Bajra and pulses at MSP through the State agencies and FCI under MSP operations.

- Procurement of rice under mill levy.

- Distribution of Essential Commodities to BPL card holders through ePoS device cum e-Weighing Scales at Fair Price shops.

- Implementation of Deepam scheme by distribution of LPG connections for BPL families in the State.
- Monitoring of prices of Essential Commodities and Market Intervention Operations for controlling the open market prices, wherever necessary.
- Implementation of Consumer Protection Act through State Commission and District Consumer Fora and other Consumer Welfare Schemes.
- Implementation of Packaged Commodities Rules and MRP and ensuring correct measures and weights through stamping by Legal Metrology Department.
- Implementation of various Control Orders entrusted to the Department.
- Administering the affairs of the A.P. State Civil Supplies Corporation
- UIDAI (AADHAAR) Project implementation as Registrar.
- Evolves policy for issue of ration cards, allotment of Deepam connections to the eligible families.
- Arranges Consumer awareness through Consumer Clubs, Consumer Voluntary Organisations, Seminars, workshops and World and National Consumer Rights Days every year.
- Processes the recommendations of the Selection Committee for the Members of the State Commission and President and Members of the Dist.For. and issues Govt. orders.
- Implements the Packaged Commodities Rules and MRP and ensuring correct measures and weights through verification and stamping by Legal Metrology Department.
- Executes the enforcement activity under various Control Orders issued under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 for checking against hoarding, black marketing, diversions etc. of essential commodities like food grains, pulses, edible oils, Petroleum Products viz. Kerosene, Diesel, LPG, Petrol etc. and action under Section 6-A of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 .
- Takes measures to ensure that the Departments concerned with various essential commodities take action to undertake Market Intervention purchases wherever necessary to make them available to the consumers at affordable prices in the open market.

Main activities of the Civil Supplies Department :

- MSP (Minimum Support Prices) operations of Paddy;
- Procurement of levy rice;

- Public Distribution of Rice and other essential commodities;
 - Implementation of National Food Security Act, 2013
 - Enforcement of various control orders issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 to ensure that there is no hoarding, black marketing etc.
 - Monitoring of prices and taking measures to control them.
 - Issue of Deepam connections.
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