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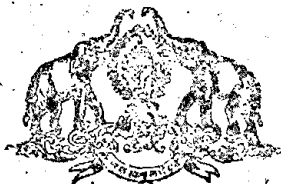
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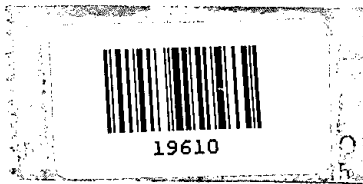
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(1)

Letter D. Dis. No. 764/44/CFS. dated 28-2-1944 from the Chief Secretary to Government to the State Food Rationing Officer.

SUB:—Stocking of paddy by land holders.

REF:—Your letter R. O. C. No. 72/44 dated 18-10-1944.

In the circumstances stated in your letter cited above, Government sanction the period for which land-holders may be allowed to transport or stock paddy or rice for domestic consumption being revised and fixed as six months, except in the case of persons who own or cultivate single crop lands exclusively, in which case the existing period of 12 months will be allowed.

(2)

Letter R. O. C. No. 15988/43/CFS dated 28th February 1944 from the Chief Secretary to Government to the State Food Rationing Officer.

Several applications have been received from political pensioners whose pension is payable partly in paddy and partly in cash or wholly in cash only, either for conversion of the money into paddy or for permission to purchase paddy with such amount. Some political pensioners and Thampurans have asked for the continuance of the supply of rice or paddy sanctioned in their favour before the Rationing Act was passed.

Government consider that a uniform rule should be laid down in the matter and accordingly they order as follows:—

(i) Political pensioners whose pension allotment is in paddy will be paid entirely in paddy.

(ii) Wherever pension is payable partly in paddy and partly in cash, paddy portion will be given in paddy.

(iii) Apart from the allotment of pensions either in paddy or money every one of them will be entitled to the ordinary rations in common with others subject to such reduction as will necessarily be made to the extent the pension is paid in paddy. They cannot claim any quantity in excess of the ordinary scale of rations by virtue of their being political pensioners.

(iv) If, however, the quantity of paddy paid as pension is in excess of the rations ordinarily allowed under the rationing rules, they will be permitted to retain the whole quantity of paddy paid as pension. If the paddy given as pension falls short of the quantity which otherwise they would be entitled to under the rationing rules, they will get rations to the extent of the deficit.

(v) The rate of consumption, for purposes of calculation will be on the same basis as in the case of land holders.



(vi) The pensioners whose pension is totally inadequate for their ordinary needs and other Thampurans who may have no such pension, will be entitled to the ordinary scale of rations. In other words the ordinary rules will apply in their case both in regard to rationing as well as the purchase of paddy.

Necessary instructions may be issued to the Purchase and Rationing Officers accordingly.

(3)

R. O. C. No. 3733-B/44/CFS.

NOTIFICATION.

In modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 22123/43/C. F. S., dated 7th December 1943 and subsequent Notification R. O. C. No. 22123-A/43 CFS., dated 7th February 1944 and under Regulation 16 of the State Rationing Regulations 1119 and the corresponding Regulation in the City Rationing Regulations 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantities of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card in the State shall consist of 3 nazhies of rice, 1½ nazhies of wheat and ½ a nazhi of bajra or ¼ a nazhi of maize.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 23rd May 1944.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI  
*Chief Secretary to Government*

(4)

R. O. C. No. 3733-A/44/CFS.

NOTIFICATION.

Under clause 2 (8) of the Travancore Rationing Order, 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix Sunday the 15th Edavom 1119/28th May 1944 as the rationing date in the State for the commencement of rationing in respect of African maize and Indian maize.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 23rd May 1944.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

(5)

Letter R. O. C. No. 9214/44/CFS., dated 12th September 1944 from the Chief Secretary to Government to the State Food Rationing Officer.

SUB:—Revocation of authorisations issued to distributors—  
Balance stocks—Utilisation of—Sanction.

REF:—Your letter R. O. C. No. 221/44 dated 2-8-1944.

With reference to your letter noted above, I am to inform you that in the circumstances stated therein, Government authorise the State Food Rationing Officer to sanction the re-issue of surrendered stocks for distribution under rationing.

(6)

R. O. C. No. 5900/44/C. F. S.

## NOTIFICATION.

Under clause 11 (7) of the Travancore Rationing Order 1119 the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the following amendment shall be made to Notification R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S., dated 10th May 1944.

Add the words "Or Green Gram" after the words "African Maize or Indian Maize," in the above Notification.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 19th September 1944.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

(7)

R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S.

## NOTIFICATION.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 3733-B/44/C. F. S., dated the 23rd May 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card or a ration permit in the State, shall consist of (3) three nazhies of rice or (6) six nazhies of paddy, (2) two nazhies of wheat and (1) half a nazhi of bajra or maize or gram or pulses with effect from Sunday the 8th October 1944.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 30th September 1944.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

(8)

Copy of letter D. Dis. No. 764/44/C. F. S., dated 28-10-1944 from the Chief Secretary to Government to the State Food Rationing Officer.

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(9)

R. O. C. No. 1790/42-B/C. F. S.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules and in modification of Notification R. O. C. 1790/42—B/C. F. S., dated 16th June 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix the maximum prices of chillies in the State as shown below:—

Maximum price per bag of	...	Bh. Rs. 18-0-0
50 lbs. gross.	...	
Maximum Retail price per lb.	...	Six annas and six pies.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 9th November 1944.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

(10)

R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S.

NOTIFICATION.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C.F.S., dated 30th September 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card or a ration permit in the State, shall consist of (3 1/2) three and a half nazhies of rice or (7) seven nazhies of paddy, (2) two nazhies of wheat and (1/2) half a nazhi of gram or pulses with effect from Sunday the 26th November 1944/11th Vrischigom 1120.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 20th November, 1944.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

(11)

## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C.F.S., dated the 20th November 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card or a ration permit in the State shall consist of four and a half nazhies of rice or nine nazhies of paddy, 1 1/2 nazhies of wheat and half a nazhi of gram or pulses with effect from Sunday, the 28th January 1945/15th Makaram 1120.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 22nd January 1945.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
Chief Secretary to Government.

(12)

## PRESS NOTE.

Under the existing scale of rations a unit consists of 3 1/2 nazhies of rice, 2 nazhies of wheat and 1/2 nazhi of pulses or gram. An adult, being allowed 2 units of ration per week, gets 7 nazhies of rice, 4 nazhies of wheat and 1 nazhi of gram or pulses. Converted into weight the daily ration of an adult works to 1 lb. of foodgrains consisting of about 10 ozs. of rice, 5 ozs. of wheat and 1 oz. of gram or pulses.

Government have now decided to raise the rice portion of the ration to 4 1/2 nazhies per unit with effect from 28th January 1945/15th Makaram 1120. The wheat portion will be 1 1/2 nazhies. No change is proposed to be effected with regard to pulses or gram. The present revision will thus provide a weekly ration of 9 nazhies of rice, 3 nazhies of wheat and 1 nazhi of gram or pulses to an adult. Calculated in weight an adult will get over 12 ounces of rice, about 4 ounces of wheat and 1 oz. of pulses or gram, making up a total of over 17 ounces of food grains per day.

In view of the general increase in the size of ration, the supplementary ration of 50 per cent of the basic ration allowed to heavy manual labourers will be reduced to 25 percent of the basic ration. A heavy manual labourer will thus get a daily ration of over 21 ounces of food grains under the present revision as against 19 1/2 ounces originally allowed inclusive of the 50 per cent supplementary ration.

Government have also decided to issue 50 per cent of the wheat portion of the ration as wheat products to house holders getting a monthly income of not less than Rs. 50.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 22nd January 1945.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
Chief Secretary to Government.

(13)

## CIRCULAR.

R. O. C. No. 1200/45/C. F. S.

Representations have been made to Government by private individuals including members of the Legislature that notwithstanding the rules of the subject, the local Purchase Officers insist on the sale of the minimum quota of paddy on the basis of the settlement Pattom in cases where the crop has failed or the yield is poor. The attention of the Purchase Officers is drawn to the Press Note dated 1-9-1943 authorising them to allow concessions or grant total exemption from the sale of quota in cases in which there is poor yield or there is failure of crop. It has also to be clearly borne in mind that the members of local non-official committees should be freely consulted in ascertaining the gross yield if there is doubt or dispute as regards the total yield obtained from any holding so as to avoid hardship to parties. The purchase officers are therefore requested to see that in accordance with the spirit of the rules and instructions issued by Government in the matter procurement scheme should be worked out so that no undue hardship is caused to parties.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 9th March 1945.

(Sd.) S. AIYAPPAN PILLAI,  
For Chief Secretary to Government.

(14)

## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 1790/42/B/C. F. S.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules and in modification of Notification R. O. C. 1790/42-B/C. F. S., dated 9th November 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix the maximum prices of chillies in the State as shown below :—

*Maximum wholesale price per bag  
of 50 lbs., gross including cost of  
gunny (any variety).*

Bh. Rs. 25

*Maximum retail price per  
pound any variety.*

Annas 8 pies 6

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 18th April 1945.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
Chief Secretary to Government.

(15)

## PRESS NOTE.

Under the existing scale of rations a unit consists of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  Nazhies of rice,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  Nazhies of wheat and  $\frac{1}{2}$  Nazhi of gram or pulses. Government have now decided to raise the rice portion of the ration to  $5\frac{1}{2}$  Nazhies and to reduce the wheat portion to  $\frac{3}{4}$  Nazhi per unit with effect from Sunday the 20th May 1945/7th Edavom 1120. An adult being allowed two units, the present revision will provide to an adult a weekly ration of  $10\frac{1}{2}$  Nazhies of rice and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of wheat. Calculated in weight the daily ration to an adult comes to about 14 ozs., of rice and 2 ozs., of wheat making up a total of 1 lb., of foodgrains.

Along with the above rations gram or pulses also will be issued at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Nazhi per unit for some time.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 15th May 1945.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

(16)

## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S.

Under regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S., dated 22nd January 1945, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card or a ration permit in the State shall consist of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of rice or  $10\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of paddy and  $\frac{3}{4}$  nazhi of wheat with effect from Sunday the 20th May 1945/7th Edavom 1120.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 15th May 1945.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

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## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 1515/44/C. F. S.

In modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 1515/44/C. F. S., dated 22nd January 1945 and under Regulation 16, of the State

**Rationing Regulations and the corresponding regulation in the City Rationing Regulations, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantities of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card issued in favour of a card holder in the State whose income is not less than Rs. 50 per mensem shall consist of 5½ nazhies of rice or 10 1/2 nazhies of paddy and 1/2 nazhi of wheat and 1/2 nazhi of wheat products consisting of Atta and wholemeal wheatflour, with effect from Sunday the 20th May 1945/7th Edavom 1120.**

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 15th May 1945.

G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI,  
*Chief Secretary to Government.*

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**PRESS NOTE DATED 23RD JUNE 1945.**

In order to afford further relief to the people of the State under the ration scheme, the Government of Travancore have been pleased to reduce the selling price of rice from Rs. 27-8-0 per bag of two maunds to Rs. 26-8-0 per bag. Although the cost price of rice (which includes cost of transport, godown charges and other overhead charges) is higher than the reduced selling price, Government have decided to waive the loss and give substantial relief to those who depend on rationed rice.

With a view to give special facilities for the labour employed by the P. W. D., Forest and other Government Departments to procure rice, it has been decided that the wages of these employees should be paid half in kind (rice or paddy) and half in money.

Similar facilities will be given, if applied for, to factories and other private organizations.

The authorities in charge of educational institutions including Managements of Grant-in-aid schools will also be given facilities for procuring such quantities of rice as may be required for provision of noon-day meals for school children at concessional rate of Rs. 25 per bag. All bonafide applications made by the Educational authorities will be promptly dealt with by the Director of Food Supplies. This concession will be given for the next three months.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF  
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA  
OF TRAVANCORE.

A Conference of the Financial Secretary to Government, Accountant General, Director of Food Supplies, Additional Secretary to Government and the Registrar, Huzur Secretariat, was held at 6 p. m., on the 16th June 1945 to consider the reorganisation of the Food Department and to make recommendations to Government. These recommendations are now before Government.

Order thereon R. O. C. No. 5282/45/C. F. S., dated 9th/10th July 1945.

1. Government having considered the recommendations of the Conference sanction the following arrangements:—

1. The Director of Food Supplies will be the head of the Food Department and he will exercise for the present, all such administrative and disciplinary powers as are vested in the Director of Agriculture. All the prescribed statements and returns (including the weekly statements) will be submitted to Government by him.

2. **PROCUREMENT.**

(a) *Outside the State.* The Director of Food Supplies will attend to all items of work connected with procurement, movement of quota, transport etc., from British India and States other than Cochin and Travancore. All the officers working in British India will be under his control.

(b) *Within the State.* The Food Grains Purchase and State Food Rationing Officer will hereafter be under the administrative control of the Director of Food Supplies, who will be in charge of the local purchase of paddy also.

3. Release of foodgrains will be sanctioned by Government ordinarily on the recommendation of the Director of Food Supplies. Government will communicate such sanctions to the District Magistrate on special duty in the case of stock held by him.

*District Magistrate on Special duty.* In addition to his present item of work and powers of control, the District Magistrate on special duty will be in charge of the whole stock of imported food grains as disclosed by the verification thereof with which work he is now entrusted and exercise administrative control over the Depot staff and the Stores Officers within the State. In all respects he will work directly under Government. The District Magistrate on special duty will submit to Government all the prescribed returns. In cases where any such returns are urgently required by the Director of Food Supplies, copies of the same would be sent to him by the District Magistrate direct.



*Assistant Director of Food Supplies.* The Assistant Director of Food Supplies who is now functioning also as an Assistant Secretary to Government will hereafter cease to function as Assistant Secretary to Government and will be the Assistant Director of Food Supplies.

*Accounts.* (1) The entire audit staff in the Office of the Director of Food Supplies will be transferred to the control of the Accountant General.

(2) All foreign accounts will be maintained by the Director of Food Supplies and accounts and returns relating to the same will be sent by him to the Accountant General.

(3) Depot accounts will be obtained by the District Magistrate on special duty and forwarded to the Accountant General.

(4) Paddy accounts will be obtained by the Director of Food Supplies and forwarded to the Accountant General.

(5) The special audit staff at Ernakulam will be under the control of the Accountant General.

(6) The Assistant Director of Food Accounts, who is in charge of all Food Accounts will hereafter be designated as Assistant Accountant General and will be under the control of the Accountant General.

(By order)

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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#### NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 1699/45/Con.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 3733/44/C. F. S. dated 15th May 1945, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a ration card or a ration permit in the State shall consist of 5 1/4 nazhies of rice or 10 1/2 nazhies of paddy and 3/4 nazhi of wheat or wheat products, barley or jowar with effect from Sunday the 12th August 1945/28th Karkatakam 1120.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 13th August 1945.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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G. O. R. O. C. No. 6927/45/Con. dated the 10th November 1945 from the Secretary to Government to the Accountant General.

In view of the present food situation and the need to revert to normal conditions, Government direct that the following posts be abolished with effect from the 1st Vrischigom 1121 :—

- (1) The Stock Verification Officers and their staff.
- (2) The Stores Officers and their staff.
- (3) The Additional Assistant Peishkars and their staff.
- (4) The Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officers.
- (5) The Special Proverthicars, the Special Accountants and the peons.
- (6) The Volunteer Supervisors.
- (7) The staff in the City Issue Godown, the Godown also being closed down.
- (8) The Assistant Director of Food Supplies.

The post of the Travancore Rice Special Officer at Cochin will cease to exist as soon as the entire stock of foodgrains at Cochin is disposed of.

Government also sanction the post of the Food Grains Purchase Officer being formally abolished and his office being merged with the office of the State Food Rationing Officer.

The Director of Food Supplies, the District Magistrate on special duty, the Division Peishkars, of Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam have the necessary instructions in the matter.

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### NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 1699/45/Con.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 1699/45/Con., dated the 13th August 1945, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a Ration card or a Ration permit in the State shall consist of  $5\frac{1}{4}$  nazhies of Rice or  $10\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of Paddy and  $\frac{3}{4}$  nazhi of Wheat or Wheat Products such as Wheat-flour, Atta Maida and Rava, Barley or Jower, with effect from the 12th December 1945/27th Vrischigom 1121.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 7th December 1945.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

G. O. ROC. No. 849/46/Con., dated the 17th January 1946, to the Division Peishkar, Trivandrum :—

Sub :—Purchase, storage and distribution of local paddy.

In accordance with the announcement made by Government in their Press Communique dated 3-1-1946, Government sanction the continuance of the purchase of local paddy, subject to the following modifications :—

1. The purchase of paddy will be on settlement Pattom and excess basis, but in the matter of purchase under settlement Pattom, paddy will be purchased only from holdings of one acre and above.
2. Instead of the stock being purchased direct by Government as was done hitherto, authorised merchants will be required to purchase paddy from specified areas. The merchants so authorised should work under the control of the Tahsildar of the Taluk, who will specify to them the parties from whom stocks should be purchased and the quantity to be purchased from each of them.
3. The Division Peishkars will be the supervising and final authority in respect of the purchase work in their respective Divisions.
4. The Schedule of prices for sale of paddy to the consumers for each area will be fixed by the respective Division Peishkars with the previous approval of Government.
5. The Tahsildars of all the Taluks except Devicolam and Peermade, will be given an Executive Assistant each, on a pay of Rs. 70 in the scale of Rs. 45-5-75 with a P. T. A. of Rs. 25 per mensem for helping the Tahsildar in connection with this work.
6. An Accountant on Rs. 18 per mensem will be given to each Tahsildar to help the Executive Assistant in his clerical work.

The selection of the Executive Assistants and Accountants will be made by the respective Division Peishkars in consultation with the Tahsildars concerned.

The expenditure on account of the staff will be met from the provision under "44A—Food and other Control Measures—4 Paddy Purchase and State Rationing Scheme" in the budget for the current year.

The stock of paddy purchased will be distributed under rationing, as at present, on the recommendation of the Director of Food Supplies.

I request that you will be so good as to take necessary steps *immediately* to give effect to the revised arrangements and forward a detailed report to Government of the action taken in the matter together with the schedule of prices for approval.

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G. O. R. O. C. No. 848/46/Con., dated the 17th January 1946 to the Director of Food Supplies.

Sub:—Storage and distribution of imported foodgrains.

Since arrangements have been made to move the quotas of foodgrains allotted under the Kharif Plan 1945/46 direct to the State-Government have decided to introduce the following measures with regard to their storage and distribution:—

(1) The stocks so imported will be stored at the depots at Trivandrum, Quilon, and Alleppey alone, closing down the depot at Haripad, Shertallai, Changanacherry, Kottayam, Vaikom, Alwaye and Parur, as soon as the present stocks in them are depleted.

(2) The wholesale merchants in the State will be permitted to procure the quantity of imported foodstuffs allotted to them for a period of a month or two weeks at a time, direct from the nearest depot. They should make their own arrangements in respect of transport and storage.

(3) When the wholesale merchants procure their allotments direct from the depots, there will be no necessity to commandeer valloms for transport of foodgrains and hence the commandeering of valloms by Government will be stopped.

(4) The class of merchants called "stockists" will be discontinued, but the wholesale merchants will be allowed a reasonable margin of profit to cover the transport and storage of foodgrains and other incidental expenses.

(5) All the depot will be under the immediate supervision of the State Food Rationing Officer, subject to the administrative control of the Director of Food Supplies, with effect from 1-7-1946 when the post of the District Magistrate on Special Duty will be abolished.

(6) The depots at Trivandrum, Quilon and Alleppey will each be in charge of an officer of sufficiently high status. He will be assisted by an adequate staff to cope with the increased work.

(7) Each Depot Officer will be given an adequate permanent advance for meeting the incidental expenditure of the depot, which will be recouped on bills preaudited.

(8) There will be concurrent audit of the accounts of the depots for which a separate audit staff will be detailed in each depot.

## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 6049/45/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following order and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 119 of the said Rules that notice of the Order shall be given by the publication of the same in the Government Gazette and by the issue of a Press Note indicating the nature of the provisions.

1. (i) This Order may be called the Paddy (Acquisition, Distribution and Movement) Control Order, 1121.

(ii) It extends to the whole of Travancore.

(iii) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context:

(a) "Licensed Dealer" means a dealer licensed to purchase, stock and sell paddy under this Order.

(b) "Stock holder" means a person who on his own account or on account of any other person holds any stock of paddy.

(c) "Paddy" includes rice, whether raw or boiled, and also sheaves;

(d) "Form" means a form appended to this Order;

(e) "Executive Assistant" means the Officer appointed by the Government to assist the Tahsildar in the supervision over the acquisition and distribution of paddy, under this Order.

3. No person who owns or is in possession of any land from which he receives paddy by his own cultivation or otherwise and no stock holder shall sell or otherwise dispose of any paddy except to a licensed dealer and in accordance with the directions issued in that behalf by the Tahsildar.

4. A licensed dealer shall be competent to purchase paddy from such stock holders in such area and in such quantities as the Tahsildar may from time to time by written order direct.

5. (1) Every person who owns or is in possession of any land having an extent of one acre or more from which he receives paddy by his own cultivation or otherwise shall be liable to sell to a licensed dealer paddy in quantities equal to the settlement pattom due on each such land:

Provided that it shall be open to the Tahsildar to reduce the quantity to be purchased from any person in cases in which the entire quantity could not be purchased on account of failure of crops drought flood or damage by insects and also to order that the quantity due to be sold by any person may be purchased in instalments:

Provided further that the Tahsildar shall purchase a reasonable proportion of the yield from any land on which paddy is cultivated and the settlement pattom of which is fixed in cash.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1) every stock holder shall also be liable to sell to a licensed dealer such quantity of paddy which is in excess of the quantity reasonably required by him for stocking of seed cultivation expenses and for bonafide domestic consumption, as the Tahsildar may by written order specify in each case.

6. A licensed dealer purchasing any stock of paddy under clause 4 shall pay to the stock holder the price thereof at such rate as the Government may fix from time to time.

7. (1) Any person wishing to become a licensed dealer shall apply to the Tahsildar in Form A.

(2) The Tahsildar may, if he is satisfied that the applicant is a fit person to be a licensed dealer, issue to him a license in Form B.

(3) The applicant to whom a license is granted under sub-clause (2) shall execute a bond in such form and for such amount as the Tahsildar may require binding himself to carry out the purchase, stocking and distribution of paddy in accordance with the terms and conditions of the license and such directions as may be issued by the Tahsildar.

(4) The license in Form B shall specify the area within which the licensee shall purchase paddy.

8. A licensed dealer shall purchase all stocks of paddy which he is authorised to purchase on payment of the price thereof at such rate as may be fixed under clause 6.

9. No licensed dealer shall sell any portion of the paddy purchased by him except in accordance with such directions as may be issued by the Tahsildar.

10. Every licensed dealer shall keep such books and accounts and furnish such returns in such form and at such times as he may be required to keep or furnish under the terms of his license.

11. The Tahsildar shall have power to delegate to his Executive Assistants all or any of his powers and functions under this Order with the permission of the Division Peishkar.

12. Where the Tahsildar is satisfied that any party has refused to sell to the licensed dealer the quantity of paddy fixed by him, the Tahsildar or the Executive Assistant shall acquire the quantity so fixed from the stock held by the defaulter or his agent and for the purpose of acquisition the said officer shall have power to enter upon any premises wherein such stock is believed to be kept and inspect such premises and any property or thing thereon and take such other steps including the sealing of barns or other receptacles wherein paddy is stored as may be deemed necessary for the acquisition and custody of any stock of paddy found thereon.

13. Every Division Peishkar shall also be competent to acquire paddy in all cases of emergency.

14. With a view to securing compliance with the provisions of this Order the Tahsildar, his Executive Assistant or a Police officer duly authorised by the Tahsildar shall have power—

(a) to require any person to give such information in his possession with respect to any business carried on by that or any other person as he may demand.

(b) to inspect or cause to be inspected any books or documents belonging to or under the control of any person.

15. No person shall transport any stock of paddy in any form from any one place in a Taluq to any other place outside such Taluq except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued in that behalf by the Tahsildar.

16. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Tahsildar or of his Executive Assistant may within 14 days of the date of the order appeal to the Division Peishkar who may pass such orders thereon as he may deem fit, and a revision shall lie to the Government from the orders of the Division Peishkar.

(2) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Division Peishkar under clause 1 may within one month of the date of the order appeal to the Government and the decision of the Government on such appeal shall be final.

(3) In computing the period of limitation under sub-clauses (1) and (2), the time taken for obtaining a copy of the order appealed against shall be excluded.

17. (1) Infraction of any of the provisions of this order shall be punishable under Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules.

Without prejudice to any action that may be taken against him under sub-clause (1) of this clause, any holder of a license issued under this Order who contravenes any of the conditions of his license shall be liable to have his license cancelled, the whole or any portion of the security offered by him to be forfeited and the stock of paddy and the records relating to the purchase, stocking and sale of paddy under this Order to be taken into the custody of the Tahsildar in pursuance to an order passed by the Tahsildar in that behalf.

18. The Executive Assistant shall be under the control of the Tahsildar. The Tahsildar shall act under the directions of the Division Peishkar and he shall keep such registers and furnish such returns as may be required by the Division Peishkar.

19. The following notifications are hereby cancelled—

- (1) R. O. C. No. 1200/43/CFS., dated 25th January 1943.
- (2) R. O. C. No. 1938 43/CFS., dated 11th February 1943.
- (3) R. O. C. No. 5353/42/CFS., dated 23rd February 1943.
- (4) R. O. C. No. 870/43/CFS., dated 23rd June 1943.

Provided that such cancellation shall not affect anything done or omitted to be done under the notifications so cancelled.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 4th February 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

**FORM A.**

Application for authorisation to purchase paddy as a Licensed dealer from the ryots (whether owners or persons) in possession of properties in pursuance of the orders from authorities.

Paddy (Acquisition, Distribution and Movement) Order, 1121.

(Clause 7 (1),

1. Name and address of the applicant
  2. Kara, Pakuthy, etc., from which the applicant proposes to purchase paddy.
  3. The quantity of paddy, he is prepared to purchase
  4. Full description of places where the purchased paddy is proposed to be stocked
  5. Whether prepared to deposit the earnest money and execute the bond as per rules
- I have carefully read the provisions regarding authorisation, printed overleaf. • I fully agree to abide by them.

Place :

Date :

*Signature of Applicant.*

**\*RULES AND CONDITIONS,**

1. Each licensed dealer shall deposit an earnest money of Rs, 500 to qualify him for the required authorisation.
2. The paddy purchased by a licensed dealer shall be kept properly and the same may be issued out only on the written orders of the Tahsildar.
3. The licensed dealer shall maintain such registers and forward such statements as may be prescribed by the Tahsildar from time to time, subject to the conditions imposed by Government relating to the purchase of paddy.
4. Division Peishkars, Tahsildars, Executive Assistants or any other Officer authorised in writing by the Peishkar or Tahsildar shall be given all reasonable facilities to examine the stock and accounts of the licensed dealer.
5. Tahsildars are entitled to suspend the authorisation granted to any licensed dealer without previous notice on being satisfied that there is proper ground for the same, and to confirm such suspension after hearing the explanation of the said dealer, and to order forfeiture of a part or the whole of the earnest money. The Tahsildar or the Officer authorised by him can also take possession of the records and the stock of the dealer, when such steps are being taken.



- 6. Any licensed dealer aggrieved at the orders of the Tahsildar may appeal to the Division Peishkar.
- 7. Any licensed dealer desiring to terminate his agency shall give a month's notice to the Tahsildar and shall be bound to abide by these conditions till the written permission of that officer is obtained.

FORM B.

License under Clause 7 (2) of the Paddy (Acquisition, Distribution and movement) Control Order, 1121.

No.....

1. Mr..... is hereby authorised to purchase paddy as per notices to be issued by the undersigned, subject to the terms and conditions specified overleaf and the rules and notifications that may be issued by the Government from time to time

2. The paddy purchased under this authorisation must be kept in good condition at the undermentioned places specified in the application to be issued according to the directions of the undersigned.

- (i) .....
- (ii) .....
- (iii) .....
- (iv) .....

Dated this the..... day of..... 1121.

**Tahsildar.**

*Clause 17 of the above Order.*

- (1) Infringment of any of the provisions of this order shall be punishable under rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules.
- (2) Without prejudice to any action that may be taken against him under sub-clause (1) of this clause, any holder of a license issued under this Order who contravenes any of the conditions of his license shall be liable to have his license cancelled, the whole or any portion of the security offered by him to be forfeited and the stock of paddy and the records relating to the purchase, stocking and sale of paddy under this order to be taken into the custody of the Tahsildar in pursuance to an order passed by the Tahsildar in that behalf.

**\* RULES AND CONDITIONS.**

1. Each licensed dealer shall deposit an earnest money of Rs. 500 to qualify him for the required authorisation.
2. The paddy purchased by a licensed dealer shall be kept properly and the same may be issued out only on the written orders of the Tahsildar.
3. The licensed dealer shall maintain such registers and forward such statements as may be prescribed by the Tahsildar from time to time, subject to the conditions imposed by Government relating to the purchase of paddy.
4. Division Peishkars, Tahsilars, Executive Assistants or any other Officer authorised in writing by the Peishkar or Tahsildar shall be given all reasonable facilities to examine the stock and accounts of the licensed dealer.
5. Tahsildars are entitled to suspend the authorisation granted to any licensed dealer without previous notice on being satisfied that there is proper ground for the same, and to confirm such suspension after hearing the explanation of the said dealer, and to order forfeiture of a part or the whole of the earnest money. The Tahsildar or the Officer authorised by him can also take possession of the records and stock of the dealer, when such steps are being taken.
6. Any licensed dealer aggrieved at the orders of the Tahsildar may appeal to the Division Peishkar.
7. Any licensed dealer desiring to terminate his agency shall give a month's notice to the Tahsildar and shall be bound to abide by these conditions till the written permission of that officer is obtained.

FORM C.

(See PARAGRAPH 3 OF FORM B.)

Return of Stocks, receipts and deliveries of paddy for the month of.....11.....

Name

License No.

Address

Particulars.	Quantity in paras.	Remarks if any.
1. Stock at the beginning of the month.		
2. Quantities received during the month.		
(a) from other licensees.		
License No.		Taluk.
do.		do.
do.		do.
Total quantity received from licensees		
(b) from stock holders		
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
Total quantity received from stock holders.		
3. Quantities distributed or otherwise delivered		
during the month.		
(a) to other licensees.		
License No.		Taluk.
do.		do.
do.		do.
Total quantity delivered to other licensees.		
(b) to consumers.		
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
Total quantity distributed to consumers.		
4. Stock at the end of the month.		

I declare that the above statement is a true account of the stocks, receipts and deliveries of paddy during the month of.....11.....

Date.

Signature.

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Letter R. O. C. No. 831/46/Con. dated 6th February 1946 from the Secretary to Government to the Director of Food Supplies.

Sub: Fixation of the price of Sind rice for release to the public.

Ref: Your letter R. O. C. No. 14555/43/C. F. S. dated nil February 1946.

As recommended, Government sanction the sale price of Sind rice for issue from Government Depots being fixed at B. Rs. (26-8-0) Twenty six and annas eight only, per bag of 160 lbs. net exclusive of gunnies, as at present.

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R. O. C. No. 1699/45/Con.

NOTIFICATION.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 1699/45/Con., dated the 7th December 1946, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a Ration card or a Ration permit in the State shall consist of  $4\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of rice or 9 nazhies of paddy and  $\frac{1}{4}$  nazhi of wheat or wheat products such as wheat flour, atta, maida and rava, barley or jowar, with effect from Sunday the 17th February 1946/6th Kumbhom 1121.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 8-2-1946.

(Sd.)

Secretary to Government.

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G. O. D. Dis No. 137/45/Con., dated 13th February 1946 to the Director of Food Supplies.

Sub: Special supply of rice—Concession regarding—discontinuance.

Ref: Your letter R. O. C. No. 4845/45/D. F. S. dated 3-2-1946.

In the circumstances stated in your letter cited above, Government sanction all concessions allowed hitherto in regard to the ~~Special~~ supply of rice as indicated in the Press Note dated 23-6-1945 being discontinued immediately.

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R. O. C. No. 6049/45/Con.

## NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following amendment to the Paddy (Acquisition, Distribution and Movement) Control Order, 1121; and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 1119 of the said Rules that notice of the Order shall be given by the publication of the same in the Government Gazette and by the issue of a Press Note indicating the nature of its provisions.

In clause 5 of the said Order the words "having an extent of one acre or more" shall be omitted.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th February 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

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R. O. C. No. 1927/46/Con.

## NOTIFICATION.

In pursuance of clause IV (a) of the Travancore Rationing Order of 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to authorise the Trivandrum City Rationing Officer to issue authorisations to Wholesale distributors in the City in accordance with the provisions prescribed by or under the said Order and subject to such conditions as he may fix from time to time.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 26th February 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

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R. O. C. No. 1927/46/Con.

## NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 13 of the Travancore Rationing Order, 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the following further amendments shall be made in the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations dated the 26th October 1943, namely:—

I After Regulation 39 of the said Regulations, the following heading and Regulations shall be added, namely:—

*Authorised Wholesale Distributors.*

40. An Authorised Wholesale Distributor shall maintain a register in Form E containing the list of Retail Distributors and Establishments to whom rationed articles are supplied under Ration Authority.

41. An Authorised Wholesale Distributor shall maintain a Daily Transaction Register in Form F which shall contain a correct record of the rationed articles received from the Government Godowns, the quantity distributed under each Ration Authority and the balance in his hands. The entries relating to the transactions of a day shall be made before the close of the day and the balance recorded and initialled.

42. An Authorised Wholesale Distributor shall issue the rationed articles only on a Ration Authority. For every issue a delivery note shall be prepared in triplicate, one copy of which shall be forwarded to the City Rationing Officer, one copy given to the purchaser and the third copy retained by him.

43. On demand and offer of price by or on behalf of the holder of a Ration Authority and against the cancellation of such Authority, the Authorised Wholesale Distributor shall supply to the holder of the Authority the rationed articles in quantities specified on such Authority.

44. Every Authorised Wholesale Distributor shall comply with all the directions that may be issued by the Government or the State Food Rationing Officer from time to time.

II. After Form D appended to the said Regulations, the following Forms shall be added, namely:—

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 26th February 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

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R. O. C. No. 117/46/Con.

**NOTIFICATION.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 84 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to order, that the export of tapioca in any form including raw tapioca, tapioca chips, or tapioca flour, from this State except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the Excise Commissioner, shall be prohibited and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 119 of the said Rules that notice of the Order shall be given by its publication in the ~~Gazette~~ and by the issue of a Press Note.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 5th March 1946.

B. PARAMU,  
Secretary to Government.

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## PRESS NOTE.

In view of the food situation in India and with particular reference to Travancore, Government have been constrained to restrict the export of tapioca in any form. It is realised that this step will prejudicially affect a growing and valuable export trade but at this juncture, there is no alternative. It need hardly be stated that all personal and private interests must be subordinated to the needs of a situation like the present. The public are informed that under no circumstances will permits be issued for the export of either raw tapioca or dried chips from the State. As there is an imperative necessity to conserve and make available as much food stuff as possible for the consumption of the people, Government are issuing a notification prohibiting the conversion of tapioca into flour. This notification will not however apply to the preparation or possession of tapioca flour not exceeding ten pounds for purpose of local consumption.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 22nd March 1946,

(Sd.)  
*Secretary to Government*

(34)

R. O. C. 4105/46/Con.

## NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to prohibit with effect from the 26th March 1946 the manufacture of tapioca flour in the State and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 119 of said Rules that notice of the order shall be given by its publication in the Gazette and by the issue of a Press Note. This Order will however not apply to the preparation or possession of tapioca flour, not exceeding ten pounds for purpose of local consumption.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 26th March 1946.

(Sd.)  
*Secretary to Government.*

(35)

## PRESS NOTE.

In view of the need for improving the food situation in the State, necessary measures are being taken to speed up purchase of local paddy as announced at the Press Conference held on the 25th March 1946. Representations have been duly made to the Government of India to make further allotments needed.

It is also very essential that steps should be taken immediately to conserve here as much of food grains as possible, for the creation of reserve stocks to meet any emergency that might arise during the lean months of the year. When the available stock of food grains in the country is hardly sufficient to meet *bonafide* demands of the consumers the ration scheme has to be continued to be strictly enforced.

It is hoped that the public would realise the importance of the question and lighten the work of the concerned officers of Government. Having this in view, Government find that it is necessary to restrict the number of persons that may be fed at social and religious parties and functions. This number could not be permitted to exceed 30 persons. Instructions have been issued to the Rationing Authorities not to issue special ration ordinarily and not more than quarter of a bag of rice as special ration for any *bonafide* applicants for the above functions. Government in this connection would appeal to the public to give their unstinted co-operation and to fall in line with the above decision of Government.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 1st April 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR.  
*Secretary to Government.*

(True copy)

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Letter R. O. C. No. 2 778/46/Con. dated 2-4-1946 from the Secretary to Government to the Director of Food Supplies.

Ref :... Your report dated 22-2-1946 regarding the proceedings of the Regional Food Conference held at Madras on 19-2-1946.

In the circumstances stated. Government sanction the rate of paddy now allowed to the cultivators for their *bonafide* domestic consumption being revised and fixed as 3 Nazhies... (three) per adult per day. Necessary instructions may be issued to the Area Rationing Officers in the matter.

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Press Note dated 5th April 1946.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that certain persons or organisations on the plea of assisting Government in stamping out black market in foodgrains, etc. are unlawfully detaining persons and food grains under transport and are interfering in an unauthorised manner the distribution etc.

Government welcome co-operation of all classes of people in putting down black-market, but it must be clear that none should infringe the law. Government have already appointed a large staff and invested them with necessary powers. It is only essential and desirable that such public-spirited men should work through these authorities. Any attempt to take the law into their own hands and



take direct action will make such persons liable to action under the law and defeat the purposes held in view by them and the Government. The authorities will be bound to take action on complaints of such misguided activity quite apart from motives which occasioned such activity.

Government also wish to make it plain that it is the duty of Government servants including quasi-Government servants to see that every complaint brought to their notice as properly dealt with and taken to the appropriate authority promptly. The failure on the part of any official to deal with such complaints should be reported to the Head of his department, who will deal with each case in a deterrent manner and keep the Government informed.

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## PRESS NOTE.

With a view to intensifying the cultivation of tapioca, Government have already instituted a bonus scheme. The Division Peishkars are arranging with dealers for adequate stocks of tapioca being kept in sale depots situated as far as possible, near ration shops and markets. These stocks would be sold to the general public at controlled rates under the direction of the local Tahsildars. After taking into consideration all aspects of the question regarding the present high labour charges cost of manure etc., Government have come to the conclusion that the price of raw tapioca should be enhanced to 1 1/2 chs. per pound and that of dry chips to 4 chs. per pound. The necessary notification is being issued. It is hoped that the enhancement of price as well as the distribution of bonus would enable the cultivators to increase the production of tapioca in the State.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 7th April 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(38)

R. O. C. No. 4105/46/Con.

## NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of powers conferred by Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules and in supersession of Notification R. O. C. 3407-42/C. F. S., dated the 4th January 1944, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix the maximum price of tapioca as follows :

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| (1) Raw tapioca       | 1 ch. 8 c. per pound. |
| (2) Dry tapioca chips | 4 chs. per pound.     |

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 9th April 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

## CIRCULAR

R. O. C. No. 5396/46/Con.

Government consider that the provisions of the Rationing Order are not being rigidly followed in all cases and that with a view to conserve as much of food grains as possible and to avoid all waste, it is necessary to work out the Rationing Scheme strictly. The following instructions are issued for the guidance of the Rationing Officers.

1. The City Rationing Officer and the Municipal and Taluk Rationing Officers should see that the ration for a fortnight is limited to the off-take of the preceding fortnight as far as possible the increase, if any, being clearly explained.
2. The registers, day books and accounts that are being maintained both by the authorised wholesale distributors and the retail distributors, should be periodically checked by the Officers authorised to do so. Register No. 4 should be checked along with the connected register in the office of the Area Rationing Officers, by the Deputy Tahsildars in the case of the Taluk Rationing Areas and by the Head clerks in the case of the City and Municipal Rationing Areas.
3. Applications for the issue of new ration cards and those for raising the existing number of units should be subjected to the closest scrutiny by the Rationing Officers concerned and such applications shall be allowed only after obtaining due sanction from the Division Peishkars concerned.
4. A fee of Re. 1 should be realised as payment for a lost ration card instead of the existing rate of (4) four chuckra ms.
5. Surprise checking of ration cards with the quantities actually sold to the consumer should be done in order to ascertain whether the quantity actually given and that marked in the card as issued tally.
6. The merchants are prohibited from retaining in their possession the ration cards of the card holders and in cases where they contravene this stipulation, action should be taken against them by cancelling their licenses. If the card holder leaves his card with the Ration merchant then the Rationing Authorities should treat such cards as cancelled.
7. The Area Rationing Officers should cancel the ration cards in the following cases :—
  - i. If the card holder does not purchase ration for a period of one month without adequate reason.
  - ii. If he leaves the locality for a period in excess of one month without giving notice.

iii. If the card holder comes into possession of food grains and does not report the fact to the Rationing Authorities concerned.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 16th April 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

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### CIRCULAR

R. O. C. No. 6837/46/Con.

It has come to the notice of Government that the number of persons who have applied for food ration cards is much larger now than during the corresponding period of last year and many instances of irregularities have been detected. Government have, therefore, decided to conduct a house-to-house checking and revalidation of the ration cards throughout the State excepting the following areas:—

1. The Taluks of Peermade and Devicolam.
2. The Municipal areas of Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam.
3. The estates in other taluks which get their ration through the Association of Planters of Travancore.

The checking of cards in the above-mentioned areas will be done separately later on if found necessary.

2. The Division Peishkars have been requested to make all necessary arrangements in their Divisions for the proper conduct of the work. The 16th and 17th May 1946 have been provisionally fixed as the dates for conducting the checking. The dates fixed will be declared as Public Holidays throughout the State to enable all Government officers to devote their sole attention to this work.

3. The Tahsildar will be in entire charge of the checking and revalidation work in each taluk. As the services of the official and quasi-official agencies are necessary to carry on the work satisfactorily, the Tahsildars have been asked to seek the co-operation and help of the members of the Legislature, the Chairmen of the

Municipal Councils, Municipal Councillors, Honorary Magistrates and Presidents of Village Pauchayats in their respective jurisdiction. The services of a large number of Government subordinates, including teachers in all Government institutions, will also be required. The Tahsildars have been directed to make a preliminary list of all available Government subordinates in their taluks whose services can be utilised. Heads of Departments and offices and Chairman of Municipal Councils are requested to direct their subordinates who may be selected for the work, to report themselves to the Tahsildars, take instructions from them and carry out the work satisfactorily.

4. The checking work will be of an honorary nature, but an allowance of Rs. 3 is provided for those who want it. The payment of the allowance will be made against receipt showing the number of check forms handed over by the checking officers to the Tahsildars.

5. The officers employed for revalidating the cards will be entitled to an overtime allowance for the work.

6. For the purpose of this work, the officers are deemed competent, without any further orders, to travel beyond their jurisdiction whenever necessary.

7. The Heads of Departments and offices are requested to co-operate with the officers of the Land Revenue Department and render necessary help to the checking officers, giving preference to this work over all other items of work.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 8th May 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

(41)

### CIRCULAR.

R. O. C. No. 6697/46/Con.

In the Press Note dated 1-4-1946, Government have laid down the number of persons that may be fed at social and religious parties and functions should not exceed 30. Petitions have been received by Government from the managements of some endowments and institutions praying for permission to utilise large quantities of paddy or rice for religious and charitable purposes. Government wish to make it clear that as a general rule all endowments and institutions have to submit themselves to the "30 persons

rule" as a matter of paramount public policy that has to over-ride all other considerations. Government would however avail themselves of the earliest opportunity to relax the above restriction as soon as the food position in the State would warrant such a step.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 8th May 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

(42)

G. O. ROC. No. 6565/46/Con., dated 9th May 1946 to the Director of Food Supplies.

Sub:—Measures to meet the present food situation in the State.

I am to inform you that Government sanction the following measures being adopted immediately to meet the present food situation in the State:—

1. In order to ascertain the exact demand of the consuming public, test checking of ration cards will be conducted in three localities, preferably one in each Revenue Division, on the lines of the test checking conducted in the Kadakavoor Pakuthy. Test checks will be arranged to be carried out by the Division Peishkars with the help of the existing staff and the results reported to Government.
2. The State Food Rationing Officer or his Assistant will visit all Taluk Rationing Offices frequently and check the ration cards, unit registers etc., with the registers of the ration merchants and report results of such inspections to Government.
3. As foreign procurement is uncertain and insufficient and as the maximum quantity of paddy has to be procured locally, the old system of procurement of local paddy through Government agency will be followed. The existing system of procurement through trade agencies will be discontinued forthwith.
4. A 50 percent cut will be effected in the rations sanctioned to hotels and restaurants. Out of the 50 percent allowed, the entire quantity will be issued in rice in the case of hotels, but in the case of restaurants and tea shops 25 percent will be of rice and the rest in wheat, wheat products, millets or pulses. No hotel or restaurant should supply more

than three courses. The rules issued in this connection by the Government of Madras will be followed in the State also.

5. The export of fish, eggs, yams of all kinds and bananas and plantains from the State will be prohibited forthwith. In the case of eggs, the prohibition will be subject to the supply to the Military Depot, which will be progressively reduced in the course of a month, so that all the eggs produced in Travancore may be made available for consumption in the State.

6. The scheme or the promotion of lift irrigation in North Travancore will be taken up in Chingom 1122. Preliminary works and investigation and supply of motors etc. will be taken up immediately.

7. The present practice of utilising food ration cards for the purchase of textile goods will be discontinued forthwith as it creates much confusion and promotes undesirable activities. Separate ration cards for textile goods based on food ration cards will be issued by the Taluk Authorities. The Textile Commissioner will arrange accordingly.

8. In view of the reversion to the old system of procurement of local paddy through Government agency, the services of the members of the Flying Squad will be discontinued.

I request that you will be so good as to give effect to the above measures immediately. Copies of this letter have been sent to the Chief Engineer, the Division Peishkars, the Excise Commissioner, the Textile Commissioner and the Accountant General, for necessary action.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

(43)

ROC. No. 4521/46/Con.

CIRCULAR.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that cases which are eventually passed on to the hands of the Police are very often reported to them only after considerable delay which seriously handicaps proper investigation. Government wish to draw the attention of the Heads of Departments and offices, regarding the imperative necessity for reporting such cases to the Police at the earliest possible time. Cases where any matter is likely to be handed over to the Police for investigation should be sent to the Police immediately after the preliminary enquiry is over so that any action taken by them can be effective.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 8th May 1946.

Sd. T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

R. O. C. No. 6837/46/Con.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 15th May 1946.

From

The Secretary to Government.

To

The Division Peishkar, Trivandrum.

Sub :—Checking and revalidating of food ration cards,

Ref :—G. O. ROC. No. 6837/46/Con., dated 10-5-46.

Sir,

Government consider that the checking of food ration cards and their revalidation, as originally proposed, might leave outside the rationing a large number of cards and also a considerable number of house holders who may subsequently be preferring applications for ration cards. Having regard to the expenditure proposed to be incurred and the time required, Government are of the view that the better procedure would be to issue fresh application forms and fresh ration cards in the place of the existing ration cards and they order accordingly. The following procedure will be adopted for the purpose :—

*Enumeration.* (i) The Tahsildars shall, in the first instance, with the approval of the Division Peishkars, divide each Pakuthy into blocks based upon the census blocks and assign two enumerators for each block. Of the two enumerators one shall be a senior man.

(ii) A register in the prescribed form (*Vide* copy of form enclosed) with the census numbers of the houses entered in alternate lines will be prepared in the Taluk Office and kept ready before the enumeration commences.

(iii) The required number of enumerators will be selected by the Division Peishkars from Government servants including Primary School teachers and, if necessary, the services of suitable persons employed in private institutions, such as banks, firms etc., will also be utilised. The exact number of enumerators available will be decided on receipt of necessary information from the Inspectors of Schools concerned.

(iv) The application form, according to the sample form enclosed, along with the register form prepared as above, will be handed over to the enumerators who must issue the application form to each household, marking therein the Pakuthy, census block and the census number of the house. Simultaneously, he will also mark in the Ration Register form kept by him, the serial number of the application form handed over to the house. If a new or unnumbered building or hut is found, the enumerator will mark it in the ~~blank~~ line of the register-statement in the appropriate place and issue an application form. The form will then be got filled in and signed by

the head of the family. The enumerator will conduct visual checking or physical verification of the inmates of the household mentioned in the application form. All application forms will be machine-numbered serially and will have counterfoils also containing the same serial number and also the name of the pakuthy, number of the house and the name of the house-holder.

(v) After the form has been got filled in, the counterfoil with the entries referred to above, will be detached by the enumerator and handed over to the householder with directions to take it, on a specified date, to the Taluk Office or Pakuthy Cutcherry, as the case may be, for receiving the new ration card. The application form, duly filled up and checked, but without the counterfoil, will be taken back by the enumerator along with the register statement to the Tahsildar.

(vi) After the application forms and the ration-register forms are received from the enumerator, the Tahsildar will arrange for ration cards and the ration register being prepared. The first four columns of the ration register having been already filled in by the enumerators, the staff engaged in the writing up of the ration cards will have to enter the remaining columns only in the register.

2. *Printing of application forms and ration registers.* The respective Division Peishkars will arrange for the application forms in Malayalam as well as ration register forms being got printed in private presses. The necessary paper will be made available to the Division Peishkars through the local dealers by the Paper Controller.

3. *Printing of ration cards.* The ration cards will be arranged to be got printed from the Government Press by the Director of Food Supplies. Separate ration cards will be issued for each taluk with the name of the taluk printed thereon. The Division Peishkars will furnish the Director of Food Supplies immediately with an approximate estimate of the number of ration cards required for each taluk, where enumeration is to be conducted.

4. The Municipal towns of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam, the taluks of Thovala, Shencottah, Peer-made and Devicolam and the estate areas will be exempted from the proposed enumeration scheme for the present.

5. For the writing up of ration cards in each pakuthy, a special staff, preferably of Government servants, will be engaged by the Division Peishkars for a period of two weeks. This special staff will be given a remuneration at the rate of B. Rs. 1½ per day.

6. Each Division Peishkar will, for the time being, be given an advance of Rs. (10,000) ten thousand only, to meet the expenditure connected with the enumeration work, printing of forms etc. The amount will be drawn by them on simple receipts as and when required and will be debited to Debt Head - Foodstuff Advance. The Accountant General has been requested to place the amount at the disposal of the Division Peishkars in the respective Divisional Treasuries.



7. For the special expenses connected with this work including travelling expenses, etc., for the month of Edavam 1121, the Tahsildar of each taluk where enumeration is to be done, will be given a special allowance of Rs. 25.

8. The enumeration will be conducted on the 9th Edavam 1121/23rd May 1946 which will be declared a public holiday. If the 10th of Edavam 1121 is not already a holiday, it will also be declared a public holiday. Notifications to this effect will be issued separately.

9. Government Circular R. O. C. No. 6837/46/Con., dated 8-5-46 and Government order of even number dated 10-5-46, are modified accordingly.

A copy of the Press Note is enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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#### PRESS NOTE.

In their Press Note dated 6-5-46, Government announced their intention of conducting a house-to-house checking of the food ration cards throughout the State. The checking was proposed to be conducted on the 16th and 17th May 1946. The matter was further considered by Government and it was thought that the checking of ration cards and their revalidation as originally proposed might leave outside the rationing a large number of cards and also a considerable number of householders who may subsequently be preferring applications for ration cards. Having regard to the expenses proposed to be incurred and the time required, it was considered that the better procedure would be to issue fresh application forms and fresh ration cards in the place of the existing ration cards. Government are arranging accordingly. The Municipal towns of Nagercoil, Trivandrum, Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam, the taluks of Thovala, Shencottah, Peermade and Devicolum and the estates will be exempted from the enumeration scheme for the present. The enumeration will be conducted on the 9th Edavam 1121/23rd May 1946. It is proposed to declare the 9th and 10th Edavam 1121 as public holidays. The following procedure will be adopted in the matter of issuing fresh ration cards.

Each pakuthy will be divided into blocks based on the census blocks and two enumerators will be assigned to each block. The required number of enumerators will be selected by the Division Peishkars from among the Government servants including primary school teachers. The services of employees of private institutions such as banks, firms-etc., will also be utilised. The enumerators will supply an application form to each household and get it duly filled in and signed by the head of the family. He should conduct a visual checking or physical verification of the inmates of the household mentioned in the application, after which he will hand over to the house-holder the counterfoil of the form with directions to take it, on a specified date, to the Taluk Office or the Pakuthy Cutcherry, as the case may be, for receiving the new ration card.

Government trust that the public will fully co-operate with them in making the scheme a success.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 14th May 1946.

**T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,**  
*Secretary to Government.*

(46)

**NOTIFICATION.**

R. O. C. No. 6837/46/Con.

It is hereby notified for general information that the dates fixed for enumeration of adults and non-adults in the State for issue of fresh ration cards, viz. Monday the 13th Edavam 1121/27th May 1946 and Tuesday the 14th Edavam 1121/28th May 1946 are declared public holidays throughout the State.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 21st May 1946.

**K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,**  
*Secretary to Government.*

(47)

**NOTIFICATION.**

R. O. C. No. 6837/46/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 24 of the Negotiable Instrument Act (Act II of 1075), the Government of His Highness the Maharaja hereby declare that Monday the 27th May 1946 and Tuesday the 28th May 1946 shall be Bank Holidays in the State.

(By order]

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 21st May 1946.

**K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,**  
*Secretary to Government.*

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**NOTIFICATION.**

**R. O. C. No. 6452/46/Con.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (3) of Rule 84 of the Defence of Travancore Rules the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to prohibit, with effect from the date of publication of this Order in the Government Gazette, the export of fish of all varieties (including raw, dried, salted and unsalted fish and prawns) except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the Excise Commissioner.

(By order)

Huzur Cutoherry,  
Trivandrum, 20th May 1946.

C. KUMARA DAS,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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**NOTIFICATION.**

**R. O. C. No. 6986/46/Con.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (3) of Rule 84 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to prohibit until further orders, the export from Travancore, of yams of all kinds, except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued by the Excise Commissioner or any other officer authorised by him in that behalf.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 21st May 1946.

C. KUMARA DAS,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(50)

**NOTIFICATION.**

**R. O. C. No. 6436/46/Con.**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule 3 of Rule 84 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to prohibit until further orders, the export from Travancore of bananas and plantains (all varieties), products of bananas such as banana flour, chips and wafers, except under and in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the Excise Commissioner or any other officer authorised by him in that behalf.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 23rd May 1946.

C. KUMARA DAS,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(51)

Letter R. O. C. No. 6565/46/Con. dated 1st June 1946 from the Secretary to Government to the Accountant General.

Sub:—Amalgamation of the staff working in the various branches of the Food Department.

Ref:—G. O. R. O. C. No. 6565/46/Con. dated 10-5-1946.

In continuation of the above, Government sanction the office of the State Food Rationing officer being amalgamated with that of the Director of Food Supplies. The following arrangements consequent on the above are also sanctioned.

1. The State Food Rationing Officer to be designated Deputy Director of Food Supplies. He will also function as Assistant Secretary to Government in the Food Section. Mr. P. Balakrishna Pillai, the present State Food Rationing Officer, will be the Deputy Director of Food Supplies on his present salary including his allowances.

2. The present post of Assistant to the State Food Rationing Officer to be converted into Assistant to the Director of Food Supplies. This post will be in addition to the one already existing. Mr. K. Parameswaran Nair, City Rationing Officer, Trivandrum is appointed to the above post on a salary of Rs. 200 per mensem.

3. Mr. M. A. Bhaskara Pillai, the present Assistant to the State Food Rationing Officer, is posted as City Rationing Officer, Trivandrum, on his present pay of Rs. 195 in the scale of Rs. 175-10-225.

4. The establishment of the amalgamated office of the Director of Food Supplies will consist of:—

- i. The staff attached to the office of the Director of Food Supplies.
- ii. The staff attached to the office of the State Food Rationing Officer.
- iii. The residual staff of the Food Grains Purchase Officer.
- iv. The residual staff of the District Magistrate on special duty.
- v. The Secretariat staff deputed for duty in the Food section.

The members of the Secretariat staff now posted for duty in the Food section will be treated as on other duty in the office of the Director of Food Supplies. They will retain their rank and lien in the Secretariat. A statement showing particulars of the personnel will be forwarded to you separately.

5. For all practical purposes, the office of the Director of Food Supplies will be treated as the Food Section of the Secretariat, as was done prior to the bifurcation on 1-12-1120.

6. The Director of Food Supplies will be ex-officio State Food Rationing Officer and will exercise the functions under the State Food Rationing Order.

7. The Division Peishkars will be the Chief Authorities in their respective Divisions in the matter of Food Control work, including local procurement and distribution under the Rationing

Order. The Tahsildars will, as at present, continue to be the Taluk Purchase and Rationing officers. The Division Peishkar's first and foremost duty will be to deal with Food problems. Their work will be co-ordinated by the Director of Food Supplies who will be a liaison officer as well as Secretary to Government.

8. The periodical allotment of stock to the different rationing areas will be made by Government only. There shall be no release of stock except under the orders of Government.

9. The above arrangements will come into effect forthwith.

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**PRESS NOTE.**

In view of the food situation in the State, Government have withdrawn the concessions announced in the Press Note dated the 23rd October 1945 regarding the sale of superior quality punjab raw rice, Maida flour, atta, wheat flour and jowar, from the Government godowns in the State.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 5th June 1946.

(Sd.)  
Secretary to Government.

(53)

No. 155/46/Fd.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 5th June 1946.

From

The Secretary to Government.

To

The Division Peishkar,  
Trivandrum,

Sir,

Government sanction the following arrangements being made for the preparation, issue and registration of fresh Ration Cards on the basis of the enumeration conducted in the State on the 13th and 14th Edavom 1121 :—

**I. Preparation of Ration Cards.**

(A) The directions contained in the G. O. R. O. C. No. 6837/46/Con., dated 29th May 1946 (copy enclosed) for the preparation of ration cards should be followed.

(B) In regard to the issue of ration cards to households which have got their own stock of paddy either for the full season or for a part thereof, the following procedure should be adopted :—

(1) Ration cards for households having no paddy will be issued in the *first instance*.

(2) In regard to the cards of persons having or expected to have paddy, the Tahsildars will verify detail before the cards are

issued and cancel the coupons for periods for which the paddy in their possession will last. This stock of paddy will also be noted on the ration cards and initialled by the Tahsildars in all cases. In deciding what such stock is the Tahsildars will, besides examining the permit or license or other records they may have in possession in respect of the parties concerned, verify the extent of the property in their possession, the quantity that may be required for seed and other purposes and the stock that may reasonably be expected to remain with them. It must be on the above basis that the requirements in the ration units should be decided and noted.

(3) All applications for ration cards from persons who own paddy lands must be initialled by the Proverthicar of the pakuthy in token of having certified that the information given is correct. For this purpose, reference should be made to other taluks and pakuthies also if necessary, to ascertain whether the party concerned possesses paddy lands in pakuthies or taluks other than the one in which he resides.

## II. Registration of Ration Cards.

(a) The ration cards issued in a pakuthy should be registered with the merchant of that pakuthy only.

(b) The number of merchants in a pakuthy should be reduced so that there may not, as a general rule, be more than one retail ration merchant per square mile and one wholesale ration distributor per four square miles in the rural area.

(c) i. The Rationing Regulations prescribes 400 (four hundred) as the maximum number of cards to be registered with a retail distributor. This number may be increased to 500 (five hundred). Action is being taken to amend the Regulation accordingly. It may also be laid down as a general rule that a retail ration merchant must have at least a minimum of 200 (two hundred) cards registered with him.

ii. No ration dealer against whom any proceedings have been started shall, as a general rule, be permitted to continue the rationing business. Those who have been fined or otherwise punished will be permanently debarred from continuing as ration dealers. It is desirable, as far as possible, to have a new set of respectable ration dealers in all the taluks. In all such cases the Tahsildars will carefully prepare and submit a list to the Division Peishkars and get the list sanctioned.

(d) The rule that the cardholder can register himself with any retail distributor in the pakuthy should be given wide publicity.

(e) Cardholders are to present the counterfoils and get their new ration cards. If merchants collect these counterfoils and present them, then no card should be issued. On the otherhand, the merchants who collect such counterfoils should be disqualified from functioning as ration merchants. The counterfoils of the registered cards should be kept in the Taluk Cutcherry itself and never with the retail distributor or any others.

(f) In addition to the entries in Form IV Register, the retail distributor should be required to note the number of adults and non-adults against each of the ration cards registered with him.

(g) All ration cards should be issued only with the signature of the Tahsildar. No facsimile should be used.

(h) The provisions of the Rationing Regulations regarding the preparation and acceptance of the Form IV Register should be strictly followed.

### III. *Date of new Ration Cards.*

The date on which the new ration cards should come into force shall be the 9th Mithunam 1121/23rd June 1946. A Notification to the above effect will be published. The old cards will cease to be valid with effect from the above date.

The ration card holders are to be asked to produce the old cards at the time of the issue of the new cards and the Rationing Authority will cancel all columns in the old card which are not required between the date of its production and the 9th Mithunam 1121.

### IV. *Checking of enumeration lists.*

The Division Peishkars will arrange for the enumeration already conducted, being carefully checked by proper agencies, will take immediate action to rectify the defects and discrepancies noticed and will hand up to Government such of the Officers etc., as are found responsible for furnishing wrong figures.

Yours faithfully,  
K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(54)

### R. O. C. No. 135/45, Con. NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules and in supersession of Notification R. O. C. No. 135/45/Con., dated the 28th February 1946, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following order and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 119 of the said rules that notice of the Order shall be given by the publication of the same in the Government Gazette and by the issue of a Press Note indicating the nature of the provisions of the Order.

1. No person shall sell vegetable oil products at prices higher than those fixed from time to time by the Vegetable Oil Products Controller for India under clause 6 (1) of the Vegetable Oil Products Control Order, 1946, issued by the Government of India, for such vegetable oil products.

2. This Order and the Schedule of prices for vegetable oil products notified from time to time by the Vegetable Oil Products Controller for India under clause 6 (1) of the Vegetable Oil Products Control Order, 1946, issued by the Government of India shall be displayed prominently at the premises of all persons offering vegetable oil products for sale.

Huzur Cutcherry, (By order)  
Trivandrum, 24th June 1946.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(55)

## PRESS NOTE.

The food scarcity that Travancore is facing today with the rest of the world has necessitated the conservation of all available foodstuffs in the State. The imposition of certain restrictions in the use of foodstuffs, with a view to prevent their avoidable wastage and to make them available for human consumption has therefore become necessary. Government are therefore issuing an order prohibiting the use of flour in soap making industry. The attention of the public is drawn to Flour (use in Soap Making) Prohibition Order 1121 published by Government in their Notification R. O. C. No. 6642/46/Fd., dated 24th June 1946 which accordingly prohibits the use of flour of any of the foodgrains specified therein, in the manufacture of soap.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 24th June 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(56)

## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 6642/46/CFS.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following Order and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 119 of the said rules that notice of the Order shall be given by publishing it in the Government Gazette and by the issue of a Press Note summarising and explaining its provisions.

1. (1) This Order may be called the Flour (use in Soap Making) Prohibition Order, 1121.

(2) It extends to the whole of Travancore.

(3) It shall come into force from the 10th of Mithunam 1121.

(4) The Flour (Use in Soap Making) (Prohibition) Order, 1120 is hereby repealed.

2. No person shall use in the manufacture of soap the flour of any of the foodgrains specified in the Schedule to this Order.

3. Any officer authorised by the Government in this behalf may, with a view to securing compliance with this Order enter and search or authorise any person to enter and search, any premises where soap is manufactured.

4. Any authorisation made under clause 3 of the Flour (Use in Soap Making) (Prohibition) Order, 1120, shall be deemed to have been made under clause 3 of this Order.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 24th June 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*



## SCHEDULE.

1. Wheat and Wheat products (including atta, maida, rawa, suji and bran, (*Triticum* Spp. inclusive of the different species).
2. Rice in the husk (Paddy) (*Oryza Sataiva*).
3. Rice husked (*Oryza Sataiva*).
4. Maize (*Zea, mays*).
5. Jowar (*Sorghum vulgare*).
6. Bajra (*Pennisetum typhoides*).
7. Gram, any variety (*Cicer aristinum*).
8. Barley (*Hordeum vulgare*).
9. Ragi or mandwa (*Eleusine ceracana*).
10. Rahar (*Cajanus indicus*).
11. Masur (*Lens esculenta* or *Exvum Lens*).
12. Kodra (Koden) (*Paspalum Srebieulatum*).
13. Korra (Tenai) (*Sethria Ralica*).

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## PRESS NOTE.

With a view to ease the present acute food situation in the country, Government have imposed certain restrictions on the export of supplementary food stuffs, such as eggs, fish and bananas. In arriving at this decision, Government were in hopes that the prices of the above commodities will come down, so that they would be within the reach of the public at large. However, Government regret to note that notwithstanding the ban on the export so imposed, the prices of the above articles have not come down. Further, it is also reported that some sections of the fisher-folk have become less diligent in their avocations as a result of the ban on the exports and the apprehended decrease in price of fish. It will be noted, in this connection, that even under the restricted arrangement the exporters of eggs and fish are given a reasonable opportunity to export a fair portion of the commodities produced by them. This step has been taken in order to encourage greater production of the above commodities within the State, and to maintain the markets now held by Travancore dealers outside the State. In case the production of the above mentioned commodities is not kept up or increased, and in case the inflated prices do not come to the normal, it may become necessary to fix a maximum price in respect of these commodities, and to enforce it by prosecutions for infringement. In order to avoid such a contingency this Government would appeal to those persons who are dealers in eggs, fish and bananas, to take stock of the situation and co-operate with Government to the fullest possible extent and to produce as much as they can of the above commodities and to release them to the public at reasonable cost in order to tide over the present food situation.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th June 1946.

T. K. GOPALAN NAIR,  
Secretary to Government.

R. O. C. No. 1303/46/Fd.

CIRCULAR.

With effect from the 9th Mithunam 1121 when the new Ration cards will come into force in all the Rationing Areas of the State excepting the City of Trivandrum, the Municipal areas of Nagercoil, Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam and the Taluks of Thovala Shencottah, Peermade and Devicolam, the following procedure will be followed by all the Tahsildars and the Municipal Rationing Officers of the State in the matter of checking the accounts of the Wholesale and Retail Dealers functioning under the Rationing Scheme and compiling the weekly accounts.

1. The accounts of all the Wholesale and Retail Dealers in the Rationing area should be checked every week by the Rationing Officer or by one of his subordinate officers authorised by him for the purpose whenever he is not in his headquarters.

2. The fact of checking should be marked in the Daily Transaction Register itself with the checking officer's initials and date.

3. For purpose of convenience, the Wholesale and Retail Dealers of the Rationing area may be listed into five or six groups, each of the groups to bring their books to the Rationing Office on one of the week days. After the accounts are checked the Rationing Authority, if due, will be prepared and issued on the same day itself. The week day on which the merchant is thus required to submit his accounts to the Rationing Officer should be treated as a holiday to the merchant when he should not be permitted to conduct any sales. On no account should the merchant be required to wait for the next day to get his Ration Authority or to receive back his account book.

4. Along with the checking of the accounts the Rationing Officer will also arrange for the details of the accounts and of the Ration Authority issued being noted in a consolidated statement of stocks and sales, the sample form for which is sent herewith. Necessary printed copies of this form are being sent separately. By Sunday every week the entries in respect of all the Wholesale and Retail Merchants of the area will thus be complete and after totalling up the columns and noting down the additional information as required therein in respect of local paddy, etc., the final statement will be sent to the undersigned so as to reach this office on every Monday.

One of the clerks in the Rationing Office should be specially assigned to attend to the preparation of this statement and he will also be held responsible for its proper preparation and prompt despatch. The name of the Clerk so assigned with the work should also be intimated to this Office.

The checking of the accounts and the preparation of the statement will commence from Monday the 17th Mithunam 1121. The first statement should reach this office by Monday the 24th Mithunam 1121 and the subsequent statements on every succeeding Monday.

This statement is in supersession of all other periodical statements in respect of Rationing that are being called for from the Area Rationing Offices.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th June 1946.

(Sd.)

For *Secretary to Government.*

(59)

### PRESS NOTE.

With a view to eliminate from the rationing business wholesale and retail distributors who have been guilty of gross violations of the Rationing Regulations, or have otherwise been responsible for serious irregularities, Government had issued instructions to all Rationing Officers that dealers who had been punished by the levy of fines or otherwise should be debarred from continuing the ration business. It is now reported that in many cases the punishments inflicted were for mere technical offences involving no moral turpitude and that a uniform application of the rule, irrespective of the gravity of the offence, may result in considerable hardship to the merchants concerned. Government have therefore decided that the question whether a wholesale or retail distributor should be allowed to continue the business should depend not on the fact of punishment alone, but on the nature and gravity of the offence which led to the punishment and that those who are guilty of only *simple technical offences* need not be disqualified from continuing as ration merchants. Ration dealers prejudicially affected by the new rule are therefore allowed to submit their representations *within seven days* of the publication of this Press Note, to the State Food Rationing Officer, who will after examining the merits of each case and if found necessary, after reference to the Rationing Officers concerned, decide whether the offence is serious enough to justify the ration distributor being completely debarred from functioning as such.

The State Food Rationing Officer is being directed to complete the disposal of all such representations within one month from the date of this Press Note. As Government recognise that the temporary cessation of business by these merchants pending the disposal of the above matter might result in their losing the ration business completely, the Rationing Officers are also being informed that these merchants may be permitted to continue as ration distributors until the representations referred to are disposed of.

The above provisions will apply to all the Rationing Areas in the State including the City of Trivandrum.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 27th June 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(60)

Letter ROC. No. 155/46/Fd., dated 28-6-1946 to the Division Peishkar, Quilon from the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

In continuation of the phonocom sent to you on 22nd June, I am to inform you that Government sanction the minimum number of ration cards to be registered with a merchant to function as a retail distributor being fixed as one hundred. I request you to be so good as to inform the Area Rationing Officers accordingly.

(61)

**PRESS NOTE.**

In Notification ROC. No. 1699/45/Con., dated 17-6-1946, Government have laid down that the value of a unit of ration would be 3 1/2 nazhies of rice and one nazhi of wheat, wheat products or pulses, *i. e.*, 12 oz. of foodgrains per adult per day. In view of low stock position in the State, Government were able to allot to the various Rationing Areas from the fortnight commencing 9th Mithunam 1121, stock at the rate of only 3 nazhies of rice and 1 nazhi of wheat etc., per unit. The basic ration had thus to be reduced for the time being from 12 ozs. of foodgrains per adult per day to 10 ozs. This arrangement will however, be only temporary and Government will take the earliest opportunity to restore the size of the ration to the level prescribed in the Notification dated 17-6-1946, on receipt of larger stocks expected to arrive shortly.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 9th July 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(62)

**PRESS NOTE.**

The proprietors and representatives of important Hotels and Tea Shops in the City met the Director of Food Supplies on 4-7-46, and represented to him the difficulties experienced by them at present in getting adequate quantity of foodgrains to meet the normal

daily requirements in their establishments. They have also pointed out to him that after the opening of the courts and educational institutions it has been found impossible to meet even a portion of the demand.

With a view to ensure a regular and systematic supply of food-grains to the catering establishments, the Director of Food Supplies has recommended to Government certain proposals based upon which Government have sanctioned the following arrangements.

The Tea Shops will be allowed only 25% of the units originally allotted to them; and grains other than rice will alone be supplied on units thus allotted. No rice preparation should be made available for sale in Tea Shops. Government expect to receive shortly some consignments of wheat flour which, on receipt, will be issued to Tea shops also.

In the case of the hotels, 50% of the units of ration which they were getting before the cut was effected will be allowed on the understanding that no portion of the said allotment will be utilised for any preparation other than meal. It is noted that the Proprietors and representatives who met the Director of Food Supplies have given him an assurance that no meal with more than three courses would be served by them and that not more than (8) eight annas would be charged by them for a meal.

Regarding the difficulty in the messing arrangements for the students referred to by the deputation, Government are issuing instructions to the City Rationing Officer, Trivandrum, to arrange for individual temporary ration cards being issued to the students against their applications and on their producing a certificate as to the bonafides of the applications, from the head of the institution in which the applicants are studying. They will not, however, be entitled to ration in their family ration cards in the meanwhile. The students who are given temporary cards are at liberty to purchase the rations or to hand over the cards to the Proprietors of the Hotel from where they are taking meals.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 17th July 1946.

(Sd)  
Secretary to Government.

(63)

D. Dis. No. 2695/46/Fd.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th July 1946.

To

The Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Sir,

Please refer to G. O. D. Dis. No. 54/46/Fd., dated 17th July 1946 regarding the working of Co-operative Societies in the matter of rationing. Government consider that the strict enforcement of the

rule that no retail distributor shall register more than 500 cards may prejudice the working of some Co-operative Societies which are reported to be functioning satisfactorily. Refusal by a Society, with a large number of members to register cards exceeding 500 may result in some of the members being denied the privilege of registering the card in their own Society. With a view to avoid such contingencies and to enable the Societies to function to the maximum convenience of its members, Government consider that a relaxation of the above rule is necessary.

The Director of Food Supplies has therefore been authorised to permit such of the Co-operative Societies, as are recommended by you, to open branches provided the main depot as well as the branches are subject to the same bye-laws and provided they satisfy the rules in force regarding the maximum and minimum number of cards and the area in respect of which the cards may be registered.

Yours faithfully,  
K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(64)

## PRESS NOTE.

It is reported that persons who apply for Ration Card on arrival in a Rationing area, do not produce along with their applications, any proof of having surrendered their previous ration cards. The failure in this respect inconveniences the applicants themselves in getting the new cards and also affords scope for double ration being drawn. The public are therefore informed that applicants for issue of Ration Card from persons who have newly moved into a Rationing area should be invariably accompanied by a certificate from the Rationing Officer of the area in which the applicant was previously residing, to the effect that either the previous Ration Card has been surrendered or that a corresponding reduction has been made in the units in the previous card on account of the change of residence of the applicant from the Rationing area. Failure to comply with these instructions will result in delay in issuing the Ration Card since the Rationing Officer will be unable to issue the card until he obtains the above information.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 30th July 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(65)

## R. O. C. No. 155/46/Fd. NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the following further amendment shall be made in the Travancore Rationing Order, 1119, namely:—

After clause 18 of the said Order, the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"18A. No authorised stockholder, authorised wholesale distributor, authorised retail distributor or authorised establishment shall keep in his or its possession any ration document other than that issued in his or its own name for a period longer than is reasonably necessary for supplying to the holder thereof rationed articles obtainable on such document."

Huzur Cutcherry, (By order)  
Trivandrum, 1st August 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(66)

R. O. C. No. 1303/46/Fd.

#### CIRCULAR.

On scrutinising the weekly statements of stocks and sales so far received from Taluk and other Rationing Officers many defects are noticed in the preparation of the statements. These have been pointed out to the respective officers from time to time. These defects which are more or less of a general nature are found to be repeated in some cases. The following instructions are therefore issued for the guidance of all Rationing Officers, their assistants and clerks:—

1. Both the wholesale and retail distribution statements must be forwarded on the same date.
2. Statements for each week should be prepared separately.
3. The period to be noted in the heading of the statements is the week during which the statements are reported and not the week to which the transactions by the dealers relate. Thus the figures under opening balance, receipts, sales and closing balance will relate to the period previous to that noted in the heading and the figures under Ration Authority to the period noted therein.
4. The printed headings of the columns should not be tampered with. Wheat should be noted in the extra column provided. When any grain is issued in addition to rice and wheat the same should be entered in the column provided for paddy the heading being suitably altered.
5. The quantities of various foodgrains in the Retail Distribution statement (excepting columns 26 to 28) should always be expressed in terms of edangalies. (Some Taluk Rationing Officers are giving this information in bags.)
6. The sheets of a statement should be serially numbered.
7. Some Rationing Officers are using sheets from the 1st book alone instead of continuation sheets for subsequent pages. This should be avoided.

8. Particulars regarding some of rationing area, areas in square miles, number of panchayats or wards etc., should not be omitted in any statement.

9. Page totals should be carried over progressively before arriving at the grand totals for a week.

10. The columns under opening balance in a particular statement should be filled in only from the entries in the closing balance column of the previous statement.

11. The totals of columns "Opening balance" and "Receipts" should invariably agree with the totals of columns "Sales" and "Closing balance". Difference if any, due to issue of Special supplies not included under sales should be explained.

12. The balance quantities of foodgrains not taken delivery of by each wholesale distributor under Ration Authorities previously issued should be noted in the remarks column against his name in each statement.

13. The retail distributors should try to take delivery of the entire stocks as per ration authorities before the close of the week following that in which the authorities are issued.

14. Quantity of foodgrains sold should agree with the number of units utilised. The proportion of the different grains should never be altered. Differences due to variation in the composition of ration issued to hotels, restaurants, etc. must be explained.

15. Merchants should be listed into 5 or 6 groups as instructed in para 3 of G. O. R. O. C. No. 1303/46/Fd., dated 25-6-1946.

16. Balance quantity remaining with the Tahsildar should be the quantity available for further issue after deducting the Ration authorities issued to the wholesale merchants during the week in which the statement is prepared.

17. Fraction of a bag should not be included in ration authorities (vide Rationing Regulation 35.)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 12th August 1946.

K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(67)

G. O. R. O. C. No. 176/46/Fd. dated 23rd August 1946 to the Accountant General.

Sub: - Sale price of Maida loaned from Madras—fixation of  
Ref.—Your note Fd. Accts. 2445 dated 15-8-1946.

In the circumstances stated, Government sanction the consignments of maida flour received from Madras being sold from the Government Godowns at the existing rate of B. Rs. 30 per bag of 148 lbs., gross inclusive of gunny.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.



R. O. C. No. 11142/46/Con.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (2) of Rule 81 of the Defence of Travancore Rules, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to make the following Order and to direct with reference to sub-rule (1) of Rule 119 of the said Rules that notice of the Order shall be given by the publication of the same in the Government Gazette and by the issue of a Press Note indicating the nature of its provisions.

1. (1) This Order may be called the Paddy (Acquisition and Movement) Control Order, 1122.

(2) It extends to the whole of Travancore.

(3) It shall come into force at once.

2. In this Order, unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,—

(a) "authorised officer" means an officer authorised by the Division Peishkar to acquire paddy under this Order;

(b) "The Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officer" means the officer appointed by the Government to assist the Tahsildar in the supervision over the acquisition, stocking and distribution of paddy under this Order;

(c) "paddy" includes rice, whether raw or boiled, and also sheaves;

(d) "stockholder" means a person who on his own account or on account of any other person holds any stock of paddy.

3. (1) Every person who owns or is in possession of any land from which he receives paddy by his own cultivation or otherwise shall be liable to sell to the Government paddy in quantities equal to the settlement pattom due on each such land:

Provided that it shall be open to the Tahsildar to reduce the quantity to be sold by any person in cases in which the entire quantity could not be sold on account of failure of crops, drought, flood or damage by insects and also to order that the quantity due to be sold by any person may be purchased in instalments:

Provided further that the Tahsildar may by written order direct the sale of a reasonable proportion of the yield from any land on which paddy is cultivated and the settlement pattom of which is fixed in cash.

(2) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-clause (1) every stockholder shall also be liable to sell to Government such quantity of paddy which is in excess of the quantity reasonably required by him for the stocking of seed, cultivation expenses and for bonafide domestic consumption as the Tahsildar may by written order specify in each case.

4. No person who owns or is in possession of any land from which he receives paddy by his own cultivation or otherwise and no stockholder shall sell or otherwise dispose of any paddy except to the Government.

5. An authorised officer shall be competent to purchase on behalf of the Government paddy from such stockholders in such area and in such quantities as the Tahsildar may from time to time by written order direct.

6. An authorised officer purchasing any stock of paddy under this Order shall pay to the stockholder the price thereof at such rate as the Government may fix from time to time.

7. The Tahsildar shall have power to delegate to the Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officer all or any of his powers and functions under this Order with the permission of the Division Peishkar.

8. Where the Tahsildar is satisfied that any stockholder has refused to sell to the Government the quantity of paddy fixed by him, it shall be lawful for him to acquire the quantity so fixed from the stock held by the defaulter or his agent and for the purpose of acquisition he shall have power to enter upon any premises wherein such stock is believed to be kept and inspect such premises and any property or thing thereon and take such other steps including the sealing of barns or other receptacles wherein paddy is stored as may be deemed necessary for the acquisition and custody of any stock of paddy found thereon.

9. Every Division Peishkar and Tahsildar shall be competent to acquire paddy in cases of emergency.

10. Where any stock of paddy is acquired under clause 8 or clause 9 from any stockholder, the officer acquiring such stock shall pay or cause to be paid to the stockholder the price thereof at the rate fixed under clause 6.

11. With a view to securing compliance with the provisions of this Order, the Tahsildar, the Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officer or a Police Officer duly authorised by the Tahsildar shall have power—

- (a) to require any person to give such information in his possession with respect to any business carried on by that or any other person ;
- (b) to inspect or cause to be inspected any books or documents belonging to or under the control of any person.

12. No person shall transport any stock of paddy in any form except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued in that behalf by—

(a) the Commissioner of Civil Supplies or other officer authorised by him in that behalf in the case of transport from one Division to another,

(b) the Division Peishkar concerned in the case of transport from any one Taluk to any other Taluk within his jurisdiction.

(c) the Assistant Peishkar, the Additional Assistant Peishkar and the Special Officer for Punja Cultivation, in the case of transport from any one Taluk to any other Taluk within their respective jurisdiction as detailed below:—

<i>Designation of Officer.</i>	<i>Jurisdiction (Taluk)</i>
Additional Assistant Peishkar Nagercoil	Thovala Agastheeswaram
Assistant Peishkar, Padmanabhapuram	Kalkulam Vilavancode
Assistant Peishkar, Trivandrum	Neyyattinkara Trivandrum Nedumangad Chirayinkil
Assistant Peishkar, Quilon	Quilon Kottarakara Pathanapuram Shencottah Karunagapally
Assistant Peishkar, Chengannoor	Kunnathoor Mavelikara Thiruvella Pathanamthitta
Assistant Peishkar, Alleppey	Karthikapally Ambalapuzha Sertallai
Special Officer for Punja Cultivation, Alleppey	Changanacherry Kottayam
Assistant Peishkar, Kottayam	Vaikom Meenachil Muvattupuzha Peermade
Assistant Peishkar, Alwaye	Thodupuzha Kunnathunad Parur Devicolam

13. (1) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Tahsildar or of the Assistant Purchase and the Rationing Officer may within 14 days of the date of such order appeal to the Division Peishkar, who may pass such orders thereon as he may deem fit, and a revision shall lie to the Government from any order of the Division Peishkar.

(2) Any person aggrieved by an order of the Division Peishkar under clause 9 may within one month of the date of such order appeal to the Government and the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

(3) In computing the period of limitation under sub-clauses (1) and (2) the time taken for obtaining a copy of the order appealed against shall be excluded.

14. The Tahsildar shall be responsible for the proper acquisition, stocking and distribution of paddy under this Order and he shall keep such registers and furnish such returns as may be required by the Division Peishkar.

15. The Paddy (Acquisition, Distribution and Movement) Control Order, 1121, published with Notification R. O. C. No. 6049/45/Con., dated the 4th February 1945, is hereby repealed:

Provided that such repeal shall not affect anything done or omitted to be done under the Order so repealed.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 27th Aug. 1946.

(Sd.) V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(69)

Press note dated 2nd September 1946:—

The food situation in the State continues to be critical, yet on account of the national importance of the Onam festival, Government have *as a special case* decided that during the Onam week ration should be issued at the normal level of 8 nazhies of food grains per adult per week. In addition to the existing scale of ration of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of rice and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  nazhi of wheat per adult per week, during the Onam week (23rd to 29th Chingom) an additional quantity of one nazhi of food grains, consisting of half a nazhi each of rice and wheat would be issued per adult and half this quantity to non-adults. The Area Rationing Officers have necessary instructions in the matter.

(70)

G. O. Dis. No. 1345/46/Con., dated 4-9-46 to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Sub:—Pool price of Moong and Urid—fixation of.

Ref:—Your note dated 4-9-46.

In the circumstances stated, Government sanction the quantities of Imported Moong and Urid referred to being released for sale from the Government godowns at Bh. Rs. 45 and Bh. Rs. 46 respectively per bag of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  maunds nett.

## PRESS NOTE.

(71)

In view of the prevalent increase in the price of other commodities, Government have enhanced the maximum price for bananas and fixed it at two chuckrams per banana. The necessary notification has been published in the Government Gazette, dated the 10th September 1943.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 13th September 1946.

V. RAMANUJA AIVANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(72)

Extract from G. O. R. O. C. No. 16094/46/Con., dated 29th September 1946 to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Trivandrum  
Ref:—Your letter No. 4052/46/Fd, dated 17-9-1946.

In the circumstances stated, Government agree with you in thinking that no authorised ration distributor (wholesaler or retailer) shall in future be allowed to function as such in more than one rationing area and they order accordingly.

(73)

Letter G. O. R. O. C. No. 11502/46/Con., dated 11th October 1946 to the Resident for the Madras States, Trivandrum.

Sub:—Supply of foodstuffs to Indian troops and servicemen while on leave.

Ref:—Your letter No. P3.—1673/45, dated 23rd August 1946 and this Government letter R. O. C. No. 11502/46/Con., dated 2-9-1946.

With reference to the above, I write to inform you that this Government accept the procedure suggested by the Central Government. Every service man who applies for a ration card should be instructed to furnish in the application, full details showing his house number, its name if any, street name and such other relevant particulars as failure to do so may delay the issue of the ration card to him. The State Commissioner of Civil Supplies is being directed to issue the necessary instructions to the Area Rationing Officers in the matter.

Copy to:

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, with reference to his letter No. R. O. C. 4086/46/Fd., dated 23-9-1946. He is requested to issue the necessary instructions to the Area Rationing Officers.

SD./JOHN SAMUEL,  
For Secretary to Government.

Copy of letter No. P.3—1673/45 dated 23rd August 1946, from the Resident for the Madras States, to the Dewan of Travancore.

**Sub:—Supply of foodstuffs to Indian troops and Servicemen while on leave.**

The Central Government in the Food Department state that it has sometimes happened that Indian troops and servicemen, while on leave, have experienced difficulties in obtaining ration cards for commodities such as cereals, sugar, kerosene oil etc., from the local civil rationing authorities. There have also been cases in which the period of leave granted to servicemen has expired before they could be issued with ration cards.

2. In order, therefore, to ensure that the servicemen on leave are provided with ration cards as expeditiously as possible, the following procedure has been suggested by the Central Government.

“ Officers Commanding, Units, should forward in advance application forms in the pro forma specimen enclosed, duly completed by servicemen proceeding on leave to the District Magistrate concerned, who in turn will forward it to the appropriate Civil Rationing authority. The Civil Rationing authority on receipt of the application form will fill in the counterfoil and return it to the Officer Commanding, Unit forwarding the original application form and keep the ration card ready for delivery to the serviceman immediately on his arrival on production of the counterfoil or in case of its non-receipt in time, a simple certificate of identification from the Officer Commanding concerned. The enquiries etc., as required in the pro forma should be completed after the ration card has been issued.

3. I request that to help the army personnel as far as possible the suggestion made above may kindly be adopted by the Travancore Government so that the health and efficiency of the Army men while on leave may not suffer.

**Immediate.**

R. O. C. No. 11502/46/Con.

Huzur Cutcherry, Trivandrum, 3-9-1946

Copy forwarded to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Trivandrum, for report as to whether there is any objection in adopting the procedure suggested by the Central Government.

Sd/JOHN SAMUEL,

For Secretary to Government.

It is an offence punishable with imprisonment and or fine to make  
**FALSE STATEMENT IN THIS APPLICATION.**

*Application for temporary ration card for INDIAN  
SERVICEMEN while on leave.*

1. I (Name in block letters).....  
Rank.....No..... hereby apply for  
a ration card or cards for the person (s) named under item No. 2  
below as I am proceeding on leave from the.....  
to the..... Designation place—Town (with full address  
giving name of street and house No. if any) |village|.....  
District..... Province.....

2. (Give name of all persons for whom ration cards are required.)

Full name* with Father's or Husband's name* (in block letters surname underlined.)	Age.	Relation-ship to head of family.	Expected date of arrival.	Expected period of stay.	Occupation (here specify the nature of employment.)

3. I solemnly affirm that the information set out above is true.

Date.....194 . . .

Signature or thumb impression of the applicant.

I certify that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. The applicant is a heavy manual worker (Strike out if not applicable). It is requested that this application should be passed on to the Rationing Officer concerned for compliance and direct acknowledgment.

To The District Magistrate, *Signature of Officer Commanding.*

**TO BE COMPLETED BY RATIONING OFFICE AFTER ISSUE OF RATION CARD.**

Date of receipt in Rationing Office.....194 . A. M./P. M.  
 late applicant asked to appear for ration card (s).....194 .  
 A. M./P. M.

**Report of Enquiry Officer\***

- (a) Place where enquiry made .....
- (b) From whom made.....
- (c) Time and date when enquiry made... ..
- (d) Result.....

*Signature of Enquiry Officer.*

Recommendation of the C. R. O.  
 Card Index Section's report:—  
 Order of the Rationing Officer (Documents).  
 Serial No. of ration card (s) issued.

## RECEIVED THE ABOVE CARDS.

Initials of officer delivering *Signature of applicant*  
Time Date

## COUNTERFOIL.

Name of applicant Rank  
 Address while on leave

This counterfoil should be produced at the following office on arrival of the serviceman when the ration card will be given.

Place Date  
 To

Officer Commanding

*Signature of Rationing Officer.*

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R. O. C. No. 11366/46/Con.

## NOTIFICATION.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the Travancore State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of the Notification R. O. C. No. 1699/45/Con., dated 17th June 1946, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit on a Ration Card or a Ration permit in the State shall consist of 1 3/4 nazhies of rice or 3 1/2 nazhies of paddy and 1 3/4 nazhies of wheat or wheat products such as wheat flour, atta, maida and rava or pulses or mixed grains, with effect from 25th August 1946, 9th Chingom 1122,

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
 Trivandrum, 15th October 1946.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
 Secretary to Government.

(75)

R. O. C. No. 17950/46/Con.

## CIRCULAR.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies has brought to the notice of Government, that, in spite of repeated instructions, the consolidated weekly statements of stocks and sales are still not being prepared with accuracy and care in many of the rationing offices, that mistakes and omissions once pointed out are being repeated continuously and that statements sent back for correction are not promptly returned. The following irregularities are also reported:—



1. Information on important points such as "ration card population", "total number of cards issued" etc. is not furnished by many officers on the ground that registers contemplated in the Rationing Regulations are either not completed or have not been finally checked.

2. Ration cards of paddy owners are registered with retail distributors with the result that the standard requirements for each area is maintained at an inflated level.

3. Orders of Government fixing the maximum and minimum number of ration cards to be registered with a retail distributor as 500 and 100 respectively, are not being strictly enforced.

4. The sales effected by a few merchants are sometimes not included in the statements and on enquiry it is found subsequently that the particular merchants did not present their registers for scrutiny so much so that off take figures do not represent the total sales to card holders.

5. In many areas the number of wholesale and retail distributors is disproportionately large as a result of which no sufficient check could be exercised over them.

Government consider that at this critical juncture of acute food shortage, stringent measures should be taken in every direction for the proper conservation and distribution of all available supplies and they direct that the following instructions should be strictly followed by all Food Rationing Officers. Any failure on the part of officers will be taken serious notice of by Government.

(a) The utmost care should be taken to avoid repetition of omissions and mistakes once pointed out. The statements sent back to the Rationing Officers should be returned to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies within three days duly corrected and furnishing additional information that may be called for.

(b) The success of the rationing scheme depends entirely on the proper and up-to-date maintenance of all registers contemplated in the Regulations and strict enforcement of the rules. The Rationing Officers should see that the registers in their offices are brought up-to-date within a week so that all relevant information could be furnished in the weekly statements prepared thereafter.

(c) The registration of ration cards of paddy owners with merchants tends to lower the percentage of actual offtake. Cards of persons having paddy, sufficient for their consumption throughout the season, and who do not depend on ration, should never be registered with any merchant. The cards of those who partially depend on ration, should come under registration only after their stocks of paddy are completely exhausted and they begin to draw ration. Such cards as are now included in registration should be deleted immediately from "D" form register kept by the merchant and proportionate reduction effected in the number of registered units.

(d) The maximum number of ration cards that a retail distributor could register should never exceed 500. Similarly no person with less than 100 ration cards should be allowed to function as a retail distributor. Applications for exemptions from this rule should not ordinarily be entertained. But in very exceptional cases where the minimum number of cards could not be registered as in the case of hilly tracts with scattered habitations, exemptions may be granted to individual merchants by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Ex-Officio State Food Rationing Officer.

(e) If any merchant does not bring his accounts to the office for scrutiny, the Rationing Officer should take drastic action against him instead of sending an incomplete statement to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies. There has been gross omission on the part of officers. Warnings to merchants will not have any deterrent effect in such matters. Failure on their part to present accounts on the appointed dates should in future be visited with immediate cancellation of licenses.

(f) All Rationing Officers should take immediate steps to limit the number of wholesale and retail distributors to the lowest minimum possible to ensure proper scrutiny and verification of their accounts and stocks without at the same time causing any hardship to card holders.

(g) The work of scrutinising the accounts of merchants and issuing Ration authorities is being done by the Rationing clerks. On the efficiency of the work turned out by these clerks, depend the correctness and prompt despatch of the weekly consolidated statements. Both the Rationing and the Statistics clerks will be held equally responsible for the proper and timely preparation and submission of these statements. The Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officers should also devote their personal attention in this matter.

(h) Specific instances of violation of the above instructions by the Area Rationing Officers will be brought to the notice of Government by the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 17th October 1946.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(76)

Letter D. Dis. No. 1801/46/Con., dated 31st October 1946 from the Secretary to Government to the Division Peishkar, Kottayam.

Sub : Purchase of boiled paddy—Fixation of price.

Ref :—Your letter C. No.2560/21, dated 10-6-46.

In case where boiled paddy alone is available with paddy owners who are liable to sell settlement pattom etc., under the rules, boiled paddy may be purchased, eleven paras of boiled paddy being treated as equivalent to (10) ten paras of raw paddy.

Government sanction the price of boiled paddy being fixed at B. Rs. 1-6-0 per standard para.

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G. O. D. Dis. No. 1824/46 Con. dated 31st October 1946 to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Trivandrum.

*Sub* :—Supply of food grains to Tea and Rubber Estates in Travancore.

*Ref* :—Your letter R. O. C. No. 18/46/Fd., dated 18-10-1946.

In the circumstances stated, Government approve your proposal to supply food grains to the Association of Planters of Travancore, for distribution only to the estates of 50 acres and above in extent.

People of the estates of less than 50 acres may be directed to apply to the Rationing Officers concerned and get regular ration cards. Please take necessary action and inform the A. P. T. and the estates concerned of the revised arrangement.

(78)

R. O. C. No. 12143/46/Con,

#### NOTIFICATION.

Whereas in the present emergency the Government are satisfied that for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community certain lands fit for paddy cultivation which the holders thereof have left or are about to leave uncultivated should be requisitioned for purposes of cultivation during the year ;

And whereas the Government are satisfied that operations for such cultivation cannot in public interests be postponed any further ;

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 8 of the Travancore Emergency Powers Act 1122, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to issue the following Order, namely :—

1. All the properties specified in the Schedule appended to this Order shall, from the date of this Order, vest in the Special Officer, for Punja Cultivation and shall continue vested in such Special Officer during the year until the crop that may be raised thereon is harvested.

2. No owner, tenant or other holders of such lands shall conduct any operations thereon except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a permit issued in that behalf by the Special Officer for Punja Cultivation.

3. If any person, who but for this Order would have been entitled to cultivate the lands is unwilling or unable to cultivate the lands under the terms and conditions that may be imposed under clause 2, the Special Officer shall lease out such lands by public auction or private negotiations.

4. Whoever obstructs such lessee or otherwise interferes with the proper and efficient cultivation of such lands shall be deemed to be guilty of a contravention of this Order.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, November 1946.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

## VAIKOM TALUK.

Pakuthy.	Name of block.	Area.	
		Acre.	Cents.
Manjoor Pakuthy	Pottakkari.	24	76
	Kothakari.	13	60
	Kattakkari.	5	60
	Omankari.	8	9
	Vallovathodu Padom.	22	0
	Puthiyakari Padom.	40	63
	Elikkari.	8	52
	Pandankari.	27	85

## KOTTAYAM TALUK.

Komerakom	Akathaveliyam.				
	Purathaveliyam. S. Nos. 433/326	7	34		
Nattakam	Muttinakom.	}	0		
	Karinilam.				
	Aruvathuruthu.				
	Palakkadavu & Vettithara Padom.				
	Vempazhikkad.				
	Palli Erampu.				
Panachikkad	Muttom.	}	0		
	Kurakkalar.				
	Koottumakari.				
	Kollattu-Kizhakkupuram.			131	4

## CHANGANACHERRY.

Kurichi	Mukkattu Vakkal.	56	8
	Karikkuzhi.	24	78

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G. O. D. Dis. No. 2055/46/Con., dated 17th Nov. 1946 to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Trivandrum.

Sub:—Fixation of Price of Gram.

Ref:—Your letter R. O. C. No. 3967/46/Fd. dated 12-11-46.

In the circumstances stated, Government sanction the price of gram being fixed at B. Rs. (34) thirty-four only per bag of 2 1/2 maunds nett.

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## PRESS NOTE.

As the food situation is showing signs of improvement, Government have decided to revise the existing scale and composition of ration to two and a half nazhies of rice or five nazhies of paddy,

three-fourths nazhy of wheat or wheat products and three-fourths nazhy of maize or pulses or gram per unit with effect from Sunday the 23rd Vrischigom, 1122. Under the revised scale an adult will get five nazhies of rice, or 10 nazhies of paddy, one and a half nazhies of wheat or wheat products, and one and half nazhies of maize or pulses or gram every week.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 3rd December 1946.

(Sd.) V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(81)

Letter D. Dis No. 2470/46/Con., dated 23rd December 1946 from the Secretary to Government to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Sub:—Paddy allowed for bonafide domestic consumption of agriculturists.

Ref:—Your letter R. O. C. No. 5370/46/Fd., dated 11-12-1946.

With reference to your letter cited above, I write to inform you that Government approve of your action in having issued instructions to the Officers concerned to allow landholders and cultivators to stock paddy for domestic consumption for six months in the case of double crop lands and twelve months in the case of single crop lands, the period being reckoned from the date of harvest in the localities concerned.

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Letter R. O. C. No. 21334/46/Con. dated 11th December 1946 from the Secretary to Government to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

With a view to obviating the difficulties in the exercise of effective control over the rationing work in the State, Government sanction the following revised arrangements:—

1. The Division Peishkars to be divested of their responsibility in connection with rationing work which will hereafter be placed entirely under the control of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies. He will also continue to be the State Food Rationing Officer. The Tahsildars will continue to be the Taluk Rationing Officers and will be responsible to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies so far as rationing work is concerned;

2. The present Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officers who are now engaged in the supervision of procurement and rationing to be divested of their responsibility in regard to procurement and to be directed to function exclusively as Assistant Rationing Officers. A staff consisting of the Inspecting Assistant, the statistics clerks, the rationing clerk and the two peons attached to the Rationing

section of each of the Taluk offices and forming part of the Food Department will be placed under the control of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies. The Municipal Food Rationing Officers and their staff will also be under the direct disciplinary control of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies;

3. The Tahsildars to continue to be the local officers responsible for procurement and rationing, the existing additional staff (excluding the Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officers) recently sanctioned for the purpose of procurement being continued to be utilised for the purpose;

4. The Division Peishkars to continue to be directly responsible for the procurement of local paddy. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies may fix the target figures in respect of procurement for the various Taluks and the Tahsildars may furnish him as is now being done, with weekly statements etc., about the progress of purchase. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies will report to Government the weekly progress of purchase for the whole State. He will scrutinise the statements and send up reports to Government whenever action has to be taken to speed up procurement. He will also continue to obtain paddy accounts from the Tahsildars and forward them to the Accountant General after check and counter-signature;

5. The Commissioner of Civil Supplies and the Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies acting under instructions from the Commissioner of Civil Supplies to be in charge of inspection of rationing throughout the State with a view to intensify that work;

6. Mr. N. Raghavan Pillai, acting Superintendent, Secretariat, to be appointed as Assistant Commissioner of Civil Supplies in the office of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies on his present pay plus an allowance of Rs. 75 per mensem in the place of Mr. P. Balakrishna Pillai, Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies who will hereafter attend to inspection work alone;

7. Messrs. K. Parameswaran Nair, and P. Gopalan Nair, Assistant to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies and Mr. George Thomas, Assistant Commissioner of Civil Supplies to be in charge of inspection of rationing work in the three Revenue Divisions and posted to Trivandrum, Quilon and Kottayam respectively. Mr. George Thomas will also continue to be in charge of his present work of supervision over the transport of food grains, commandeering of vehicles etc., and will retain his present staff. The above three officers will also conduct inspection of the Government Food-grains Godowns in their respective Divisions;

8. The Assistants to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies (inspection) at Trivandrum and Quilon, each to be given the following staff:

1 clerk on Rs. 45-5-75.

1 clerk on Rs. 30-3-45.

1 Typist on Rs. 30-3-45 and

3 peons on Rs. 14-1/3-17 and

9. Mr. N. Nagendra Bhattar, Assistant Superintendent, Secretariat to be appointed as Assistant to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies on a salary of Rs. 175 per mensem *vice* Mr. P. Gopalan Nair.

The additional expenditure on account of the above proposals will be met from the lump sum provision to the Food Department already provided in the Budget for 1122 M. E.

JOHN SAMUEL,  
*For Secretary to Government.*

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PRESS NOTE.

Numerous applications are being received every day in the office of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies for license to conduct new ration shops. While Government are anxious to afford every facility to the public for obtaining their rations of food grains, for the efficient working of the department, it has become imperative to limit the number of ration shops in a particular rationing area without inconveniencing the public. It is therefore notified for the information of the public and the intending dealers that no new ration shops will be allowed to be opened until the entire question has been fully examined by the Inspecting Officers of the Food Department.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 1st January 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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R. O. C. No. 20084/46/Con.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Travancore Emergency Powers Act 1122, (I of 1122), the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix the maximum selling prices of groundnut oil and kernel in the State as shown below:—

Groundnut kernel B.	Rs. 18 per Imperial Maund	
	(82 2/7 lbs. naked).	
Groundnut oil B.	Rs. 47	do.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 9th January 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(85)

Government letter D. Dis. No. 269/47/Con., dated 5-2-1947  
to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Trivandrum.

Sub: Supply of black gram and other food stuffs to contractors engaged for the supply of provisions to Government Institutions.

Ref: Your letter C. No. 6149/46/Fd. dated 17-1-1947.

As regards requisitions received for the release of grams and other food stuffs out of Government stocks, from contractors engaged for the supply of such grams etc., to Government Institutions, Government agree with you in thinking that as the private sale of black gram and the like cereals are not prohibited by Government, the contractors who have entered into agreements only with the motive of personal benefit may be asked to procure the stuff from the open market and supply at the specified rates agreed to, if necessary.

In regard to the supply of such articles to Government Institutions it is however advisable to make the supply direct by the Rationing Department itself, thereby avoiding the middleman and his undue profit. Whenever such supplies are deemed necessary the head of the institution may apply direct to you and you in your turn will direct the concerned depot officer to release the required quantity to the Head of the Institution on production of the chala receipts in token of having remitted the value thereof.

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#### PRESS NOTE.

Under the existing scale of ration one unit consists of three nazhies of rice (or six nazhies of paddy) and one nazhy of any other grain like wheat, maize, gram or pulses. The present stock position of rice would admit of a slight increase in the quantity of rice while sufficient stocks of other grains are not now available in the Depots. As a temporary measure therefore, Government are pleased to order that 3½ nazhies of rice (or 7 nazhies of paddy) will be issued per unit with effect from Sunday, the 4th Kumbhom 112. In addition to the above, half a nazhy of wheat, gram, maize or pulses will also be issued per unit.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 10th February 1947.

(Sd.) V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.



(87)

G. O. R. O. C. No. 11167/46/Con. dated 18th February 1947 to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies Trivandrum.

Sub:—Memorial from Kuttanad Agricultural Association—  
Payment of wages in paddy — Issue of transport permits.

Ref:—Correspondence resting with your letter R. O. C. No. 4522/46/Fd. dated 19-10-1946.

As recommended by you, Government sanction the Tahsildar and the Assistant Purchase and Rationing Officers of the Taluks being authorised to issue permits to transport paddy earned as wages by the agricultural labourers, cancelling the coupons in the ration cards concerned to the extent to which paddy is given as wages and allowed to be transported. In cases where the paddy earned as wages has to be transported to a different taluk, the Officers issuing the permit should promptly intimate the Tahsildar of that taluk so that the latter may cancel the coupons in the concerned ration cards. I request that you will be good as to issue the necessary instructions accordingly.

Office of the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Trivandrum, 17th March 1947. (Sd.) FOR COMMISSIONER,  
OF CIVIL SUPPLIES.

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## NOTIFICATION

R. O. C. No. 746/47/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (iii) of clause 3 of the Travancore Rationing Order, 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the powers of a Rationing Officer in respect of inspection of ration shops and depots shall also be exercised by M. R. Ry. K. Parameswaran Nair, Avl., Assistant to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies throughout the Trivandrum Division.

(By Order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th February 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

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R. O. C. No. 746/47/Con.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (iii) of clause 3 of the Travancore Rationing order, 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the powers of a Rationing Officer in respect of inspection of ration shops and depots shall also be exercised by M. R. Ry. P. Gopalan Nair, Avl., Assistant to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies throughout the Quilon Division.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th February 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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R. O. C. No. 746/47/Con.

NOTIFICATION.

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-clause (iii) of clause 3 of the Travancore Rationing Order, 1119, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to direct that the powers of a Rationing Officer in respect of inspection of ration shops and depots shall also be exercised by Mr. George Thomas, T. C. S., Assistant Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Kottayam, throughout the Kottayam Division.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th February 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

(91)

Letter R. O. C. No. 16570/46/Con. dated 27th February 1947 from the Secretary to Government to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Sub :—Reconstitution of Taluk Committees.

Ref :—Your letter R. O. C. No. 980/46/Fd., dated 17-2-1947.

Government consider that it is necessary and useful to arrange for the Taluk Committees meeting more frequently than at present. In case any individual members are not found attending these meetings the Tahsildar concerned may make his suggestions for replacing such members. I request that you will be so good as to issue the necessary instructions to the Tahsildars accordingly. Reports of the working of the Committees may be arranged to be obtained regularly and sent to Government.

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## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 22340/46/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 3 (i) of the Travancore Rationing Order, 1119, M. R. Ry. K. R. Narayana Iyer Avl. Commissioner of Civil Supplies, is appointed also as the "State Food Rationing Officer" for the purpose of the said order.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 1st March 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

(93)

Letter D. Dis. No. 743/47/Con., dated 5th March 1947 from the Secretary to Government to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Sub: Issue of foodgrains to tea shops.

Ref: Your letter R. O. C. No. 6145/46/Fd. dated 27-2-1947.

In the circumstances stated by you, Government ratify your action in having issued instructions to all Area Rationing Officers to issue rice to the teashops when all available stock of other grains with the distributors is exhausted.

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## PRESS NOTE.

With a view to affording adequate facilities to those who wish to make voluntary contributions of foodgrains to relieve the distressed in the scarcity areas of the State, Government have inaugurated a voluntary Saving Campaign. This scheme forms part of the scheme sponsored by the Government of India in response to the appeal made by the Honourable Member for Food and Agriculture. Those generous individuals who wish to contribute their share in this philanthropic activity are requested to produce their food-grains ration cards to the Area Rationing Officers concerned and to inform them of the number of units they wish to forego. The Area Rationing Officers will thereupon stamp on their ration cards the reduced number of units to be issued to them thereafter and the quantities so surrendered by the card-holders will go to the common pool. The result will be a reduced off take in the foodgrains and the savings thus made will be utilised for the benefit of the distressed.

Facilities will also be afforded to those who wish to contribute, but insist on a physical gesture of handing over foodgrains. For this, the services of the Vanchi Poor Fund and its branches, Kara Committees, Village Unions, Panchayats, Co-operative Societies and other bodies will be availed of and the foodgrains to be surrendered can be entrusted to such bodies. The quantities so surrendered will be released by the Area Rationing Officers for distribution in the locality from which they have been collected. The Area Rationing Officers will notify the names of the local bodies in the different areas to whom foodgrains may thus be handed over. Every precaution will be taken to see that the quantities of foodgrains surrendered by the generous public are not misused but are properly utilised for the purpose for which they are intended.

While inviting the Co-operation of all sections of the public to make this scheme a success, Government wish to make it clear that voluntary offers of foodgrains must be quite apart from the quota of paddy to be collected by Government under the present scheme of local procurement.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 12th March 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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**PRESS NOTE.**

Under the existing scale of ration, one unit consists of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  nazhies of rice and  $\frac{1}{2}$  a nazhy of wheat, gram, maize or pulses. In view of the non-availability of sufficient stocks or grains other than rice to be issued as second grain under rationing, Government are pleased to revise the composition of ration as 4 nazhies of rice or 8 nazhies of paddy per unit, with effect from Sunday the 2nd Meenom 1122/16th March 1947. An adult will thus get 8 nazhies of rice or 16 nazhies of paddy per week and a non-adult, half this quantity.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 14-3-1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 2767/47/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Travancore Emergency Powers Act, 1122 (I of 1122) and in supersession of Notification R. O. C. No. 3704/46/Con., dated the 20th April 1946, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix as follows the maximum wholesale and retail prices of chillies:—

<i>Maximum wholesale Price per Imperial maund of 82 2/7 lbs. any variety.</i>			<i>Maximum retail Price per lb. any variety</i>		
Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
70	0	0	0	15	0

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 19th March 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

## PRESS NOTE.

The recent enhancement of the size of the rice ration seems to have created an impression among the public that the food situation in the State has considerably improved. Government wish to make it clear that the situation has not eased substantially and that the over-all food position is still below the safety line. Government would therefore like to impress upon the public the need for exercising the strictest economy in the use of food stuffs with a view to conserving all available food resources in the State to the maximum possible extent to tide the difficult period ahead.

The use of cereals for luxury food and of milk and milk products in the preparation of ice-cream, sweet-meats etc., intended for sale at public places, will, as far as possible, be discouraged. Quotas of cereals issued to non-residential establishments like bakeries, teashops, restaurants etc., will be restricted to the irreducible minimum and the issue of rice to European style establishments prohibited. The Area Rationing Officers have been instructed to see that the above restrictions are enforced in their respective areas. These measures will be withdrawn when the food position improves.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 22nd March 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
Secretary to Government.

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## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 11366/46/Con.

Under Regulations 16 and 27 of the State Rationing Regulations and of the Trivandrum City Rationing Regulations and in modification of notification R. O. C. No. 11366/46/Con., dated 19th March 1947, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to notify that the quantity of rationed articles represented by each unit or a ration card on a ration permit in the State shall consist of 4 nazhies of rice or 8 nazhies of paddy with effect from Sunday the 16th March 1947/2nd Meenam 1122.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 22nd March 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 12179/46/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Travancore Emergency Powers Act, 1122 (1 of 1122), the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix as follows the maximum price for bread and biscuits manufactured in Travancore.

<i>Name of article.</i>	<i>Maximum Price per Pound.</i>		
	Rs.	A.	P.
Bread	0	6	0
Biscuits	1	4	0

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 25th March 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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## NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 3028/47/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Travancore Emergency Powers Act, 1122

(I of 1122) and in modification of Notification R. O. C. No. 16057/46/Con., dated the 22nd February 1947, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to fix the ceiling price for cane jaggery in Travancore at four annas per pound.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 7th April 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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#### PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that in recent weeks, there has been a decline in the price of tapioca, both raw and dry and that the continuous fall in price is bound to affect the production of tapioca in the State. With a view to ensuring better price for the commodity and help the tapioca producers, Government *have as a temporary measure* decided to allow the export of tapioca and tapioca chips under permits to be issued by the Excise Commissioner.

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, 15th April 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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#### NOTIFICATION.

R. O. C. No. 11553/46/Con.

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Travancore Emergency Powers Act, 1122 (I of 1122), the Government of His Highness the Maharaja are pleased to issue the following order:—

1. No person shall hold on his own account or on account of any other person any stock of paddy or rice or both in quantities exceeding 150 paras of paddy or its equivalent of rice, namely 75 paras of rice, except under and in accordance with a permit issued

in that behalf by the Assistant Peishkar, the Additional Assistant Peishkar, or the Punja Special Officer in their respective jurisdictions as detailed below :—

<i>Designation of Officer.</i>	<i>Jurisdiction (Taluks).</i>
Additional Assistant Peishkar, Nagercoil	Thovala Agasteeswaram
Assistant Peishkar, Padmanabhapuram	Kalkulam Vilavancode
Assistant Peishkar, Trivandrum	Neyyattinkara Trivandrum Nedumangad Chirayinkil
Assistant Peishkar, Quilon	Quilon Kottarakara Pathanapuram Shencottah Karunagapally
Assistant Peishkar, Chengannur	Kunnathur Mavelikara Thiruvella Pathanamthitta
Assistant Peishkar, Alleppey	Karthikapally Ambalapuzha Shertallai
Special Officer for Punja Cultivation, Alleppey	Changanacherry Kottayam
Assistant Peishkar, Kottayam	Vaikom Meenachil Muvattupuzha Peermade
Assistant Peishkar, Alwaye	Thodupuzha Kunnathunad Parur Devicolam

2. Any stock of paddy or rice for the stocking of which a permit has not been applied for or obtained from a competent authority shall be liable to be acquired under the Paddy (Acquisition and Movement) Control Order, 1122.



3. Any stock of paddy or rice which is transported without a valid transport permit obtained from a competent authority shall be liable to be acquired under the Paddy (Acquisition and Movement) Control Order, 1122.

4. Any person aggrieved by an order passed or a direction issued under this Order may appeal to the Government within fourteen days of the date of such order or direction, and the decision of the Government thereon shall be final.

5. In this order, paddy includes paddy seed.

(By order)

Huzur Cutcherry,  
Trivandrum, April 1947.

V. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR,  
*Secretary to Government.*

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