

CIVIL SUPPLIES

This Sector covers plan schemes of Food & Supplies & Directorate of Consumer Affairs Department. An amount of Rs 385 Lakh (Rs 305 Lakh under Revenue and Rs 80 Lakh under Capital Head) has been proposed during the Annual Plan 2008-09 .Department / Agency / Scheme wise details are given in the following paragraphs:-

A Food & Supplies Department – Rs.350 Lakh (Revenue Rs 300 Lakh + Capital Rs.50 Lakh)

1. Renovation, Construction and Purchase Of Buildings For Offices Of Food & Supplies Department (Capital - Rs . 50.00 Lakh)

Main objective of the scheme is to renovate, construct and to purchase of buildings for smooth functioning of the department. The department of Food and Civil Supplies deals with the public distribution system. The officers of the Food & Civil Supplies Department have a large interface with the public, as these are public dealing offices related to public distribution system. Very important records are maintained in these offices relating to cardholders and fair price shops. There is a need to provide safety and security of the records for which proper record rooms are required to be provided in Circle Offices.

During the year renovation & construction work in HQ, South-West, North-East, South, East and New Delhi districts has been undertaken .

An outlay of Rs.50.00 Lakh is approved under Annual Plan 2008-09.

2. Computerization of Food & Supplies Department (Rs. 100.00 Lakh)

The objective of the scheme is to computerize all zones/ circles of Department. Food & Supplies Department is to ensure equitable distribution of essential commodities by :-

- a) Enforcing especially in the event of market failure, the laws relating to essential commodities in Delhi, formulating and enforcing control orders as may be needed with a view to maintain availability of specified food articles at fair prices; and
- b) Efficiently managing the system of public distribution of essential commodities through:-
 - i) Identification of beneficiaries of the public distribution system.
 - ii) Specifying entitlement for various categories of beneficiaries.

- iii) Management of inventories at various levels, with a view to ensure that the specified articles of fair quality are made available to beneficiaries at fair prices at a reasonable distance from their residence; and
- iv) Prevention of diversion of subsidized commodities meant for public distribution system to other un-authorized uses.

The department is required to maintain a high degree of coordination and control amongst its spatial organs consisting of the headquarters, 9 districts, 70 circle offices and other field units. It also requires large database of various types for quick, reliable and effective social safety net to ensure food security for all.

It is expected that after computerization, the creation and continuous updating of database and quick retrieval of relevant information required for decision making will significantly improve the efficiency of management of the public distribution system. It is also expected that manipulation of records involved in manual storing of information will be avoided to a large extent, minimizing public grievances.

NIC completed the feasibility study for computerization of the department in three phases. By the end of second phase when computerization of Circle Offices is envisaged, citizens would be able to transact business with the department electronically through Citizens Service Points (CSPs). Inquiry and facilitation centers already functioning at HQ & AC offices will be suitably equipped to function as Suvida Points envisaged in the IT policy of Delhi Govt. during the 2nd phase.

The computerization of the circle office is envisaged, in which the entire functioning of the 70 circle offices is being computerized. For this purpose hardware had been procured through NICS1 and Application Software has been prepared by CMC and made functional. Circle and Zonal Offices have been connected with the Server at Hq. Via NIC. Training of officials at the Headquarter, Zonal and Circle level has been imparted to all staff. At present applications for fresh ration cards are being accepted and are being fed in computers for preparation of ration cards. Apart from this, addition / deletion / modification in ration cards is being done over the counter at circle level.

After the successful implementation of computerization, allocation of SFAs and Kerosene Oil would be generated through Application Software on real time basis.

An outlay of Rs. 100.00 Lakh is approved under Annual Plan 2008-09.

3. Streamlining of Public Distribution System With Focus Upon the People Below Poverty Line (Rs. 199 Lakh)

The objective of the scheme is to provide food grain to BPL and Antodaya families through FPS and identification of these families through wide publicity ie Press, Electronic Media, Posters , Pamphlets etc. In the recent past a paradigm shift in public distribution system is taking place by targeting it towards the BPL segments of the population. The Govt. of India has estimated 4.09 Lakh BPL families in Delhi as on March 2001 on the basis of estimates of Planning Commission. The Central Government has initiated following steps towards targeting the public distribution system:-

1. Launching of Targeted public distribution system for BPL households

Families having total family income below Rs.24,200/- per annum have been identified under this category. These families are distributed 25 kg. wheat and 10kg. rice at a subsidized rate of Rs. 4.65 per kg. and Rs. 6.15 per kg. respectively. Sugar @ 6 kg. per card on monthly basis is also provided. Under this scheme a total of 2,90,682 ration cards were issued and are availing the benefit under this scheme.

2. Launching of Antyodaya Anna Yojana for poorest of poor households

Under this scheme, families identified as poorest of poor are distributed 25 kg wheat and 10 kg rice at a subsidized rates of Rs. 2/- per kg and Rs. 3/- per kg respectively. Sugar @ 6 kg. Per card monthly is also provided. Presently 1,47,216 families are benefited under this scheme.

For undertaking the exercise of identification / review of BPL, Antyodaya and Annapurna Families wide publicity has to be done through press, electronic media, posters, pamphlets etc. The department publishes advertisements on quarterly basis regarding schemes implemented / rates of SFAs for public awareness.

The department also proposes to create public awareness through Radio Spots, Street Plays/ Nukkad Nataks/ Camps etc.

An amount of Rs.199.00 lakh is approved under Annual Plan 2008-09.

Annapurna Scheme (Rs. 1.00 Lakh)

The Annapurna Scheme envisages supply of food grains @ 10 kg. Per head per month free of cost to indigent people who are above 65 years of age and are destitute in the sense of having little or no regular means of subsistence from their own source of income or through financial support from family members or any other sources are also not availing benefits of National Old age Pension Scheme

(NOAPS) or State Pension Scheme. At present 111 applicants are receiving the benefit under the Annapurna Scheme. The Annapurna Beneficiaries were issued entitlement card and allocation of food grains w.e.f.1.1.2002.

An amount for Rs.1 Lakh is approved under Annual Plan 2008-09.

II Directorate of Consumer Affairs (Rs.35.00 Lakh)

The Directorate of Consumer affairs is functioning under the administrative control of Food & Supplies Department with the object to create awareness of consumer rights and to provide redressal machinery and to develop strong consumer movement in Delhi.

The Scheme wise details are as under:-

1. Assistance to Voluntary Agencies Engaged in Consumer Welfare and Publicity etc.(Rs.5.00 Lakh)

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the non government organization engaged in consumer movement which undertake steps to propagate consumer rights and consumer education through media such as press, TV and other electronic media. The voluntary consumer organizations are encouraged to organize consumer education programmes and undertake projects of consumer awareness and protection on their own. For carrying out these activities the Directorate provides grant in aid to the eligible consumer organizations that undertake such projects. During the year 2007-08 , GIA was released to 20 NGOs.

An outlay of Rs. 5.00 Lakh is approved under Annual Plan 2008-09.

2. Providing Of Accommodation For District Forums (Rs. 30.00 Lakh)

Main objective of the scheme is to protect the interest of consumers and to maintain and renovate existing buildings of the District Forums .The Directorate of Consumer affairs, State Commission and 9 District Forums are functioning in the Government building and one district forum is functioning in rented premises. Directorate is required to maintain and renovate existing buildings.

An outlay of Rs.30.00 Lakh is approved under Annual Plan 2008-09.