Raipur: Proper arrangement of food grains for everyone in Chhattisgarh: Food Minister Shri Bhagat

5 kg rice even to those without ration cards

One kilogram free chana to all ration card holders of scheduled areas

30 thousand new ration cards created during lockdown period

Food Minister Shri Amarjeet Bhagat gave the information in the press conference

Food Minister thanked the citizens for unprecedented cooperation in lockdown

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Food Minister Mr. Amarjeet Bhagat today interacted with mediapersoms through video conferencing. Shri Bhagat informed that during the period to prevent the spread of corona virus infection, availability of food grains have been properly arranged for all the families in the state instructions of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, now 5 kg rice is being given per person without rationcards. Shri Bhagat informed that lockdown new ration cards of about 30 thousand families have been made in the state. Also, the names of more than 44 thousand persons been added to the ration cards. He said that together we are make every possible effort to prevent the spread of corona virus infection said Shri Bhagat also thanked everyone for the unprecedented support received from the people of the state during the lockdown.

Shri Bhagat said that the state government has made adequate arrangements in every area to deal with this epidemic and that outbreak of corona is much less and controlled in Chhattisgarh as compared to other states. Sensing the circumstances arising out of the coronavirus, the state government long ago started serious efforts. In these odd circumstances, the Food Department has provided adequate grains for all the people of the state. Under the circumstances arising out of Corona virus infection, the beneficiaries of the state did not difficulty in the availability of food grains. State Government is providing free ration for Antyodaya, Priority, Annapurna and disabled category for 3 months April, May and June. In the extreme circumstances of lockdown, on one hand, the arrangement of hamals and transport challenge. To ensure the availability of food grains in the public distribution system, the state government ensured the storage through al vehicles per day. Out of 65.63 lakh ration card holders in the state, 57.87 lakh ration card holders have been distributed food grains for tw.

So far, about 3 lakh 64 thousand 793 tonnes of rice, 9,654 tonnes of sugar, 10,351 tonnes of salt, 2,548 tonnes of gram and 979 tonnes of jag been lifted by various categories of ration card holders in the state.

A total of Rs. 3,328.55 crore has been spent by the state government on 03 months ration material being provided to the beneficiaries. This an estimated subsidy amount of about Rs 950 crore on the additional rice being provided for 3 months. The state government will also additional food grains in all the ration cards of the state scheme on par with the additional entitlement of the National Food Security Act Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana. About 8.96 lakh general (APL) ration card holders are also being distributed rice at a discounted rate 10 per kg by the state government.

So far, about 25 lakh ration card holders of Antyodaya and Priority category of 85 scheduled development blocks and 9 Mada areas of chana was being distributed by the state government at the consumer rate of Rs 5 per kg per month. Under the present circumsta government has now decided to distribute one kg of chana free of cost to all ration card holders of Antyodaya, Priority, Single destitute, A and Disabled categories of all the regions of the state. With this, about 31 lakh additional ration card holders will get the benefit of free distr gram.

A total allocation of 22,210 quintal rice has been issued to each gram panchayat of the state to have 02 quintals of rice. In order to avoid the premium on rice in all districts for food for migrant laborers and homeless people residing in urban areas, additional allocation c
been issued. During the lockdown period, new ration cards are being issued for the eligible families. From March 23 till now, about 30 thousand ration cards have been issued and in the same way names of about 44 thousand 394 new members have been added to the pre-made ration cards. This is being done continuously. Apart from this, hot cooked food and dry ration are also being made available to the needy through the district administration in all the districts of the state. So far, the district administration has distributed hot cooked food to about 11 lakh 51 thousand and ration materials to about 11 lakh 60 thousand people. For this, 355 food camps are being operated.

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Through the Price Monitoring Cell in the state, the availability of all essential commodities and their market prices are being monitored. Appropriate action is being taken on receipt of complaint about sale of essential commodities at higher prices. State level joint control rooms of Food Department, Transport Department and Labour Department has been set up in the office of District Panchayat, Raipur to monitor the availability of essential commodities. Phone number of Joint Control Room is 0771-2882113. The control room is active 24 hours. Through this, proper coordination is being done to provide necessary assistance to the needy. Similarly, at the district level, control rooms are functional in every district.

Orders have been issued to reserve 25 percent stock of petroleum products such as petrol, diesel, CNG etc. in all the petrol pumps in the state.

During the distribution of food grains in all the fair price shops of the state, ration is being distributed by maintaining at least one meter distance between the beneficiaries and properly washing and sanitizing the hands of the beneficiaries. On this occasion, Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, Secretary, Food Department, Mr. Anbalagan P., Secretary, Culture Department, Mr. Alex Pal Menon, Special Secretary, Food Department and other officers were present.