

Updated state Development Report in respect of Civil Supplies Department

A well targeted and properly functioning Public Distribution System is an important constituent of the strategy for poverty eradication. The importance of an effective Public Distribution System that ensures availability of food at affordable prices at household level for the poor. The PDS operations commence with procurement of foodgrains, their movement, storage, stock position and the quantum and the modality of distribution to State Governments. The Directorate of Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs is mainly engaged in the following main functions:

- (a) Procurement of foodgrains and sugar as per allotment of Govt. of India from the Food Corporation of India, under non-plan budget of this Department and its distribution through authorized Fair Price Shops to reach to the ultimate end consumers against Family Identity Cards, as per scales prescribed by the Administration. Since no Civil Supplies Corporation has yet been established/functioning, this Department of the Administration directly does this function.
- (b) Exercise control over the prices of Essential Commodities, ensuring its availability and monitoring through various authorities.
- (c) Exercise Regulatory functions under the provision of various Acts, Regulations and Control orders promulgated/issued from time to time.
- (d) Enumeration and issue of Family Identity Cards (Ration Cards) from time to time.
- (e) Exercise control on distribution of Kerosene oil, Imported Edible Oil through Fair Price Shops.
- (f) Redressal of Consumer's grievances for Consumer Protection.
- (g) Enforcement of Standards of Weights & Measures Act. Standards of Weights & Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977.

The following continuing schemes are being implemented by this Directorate under the Plan to achieve the target of the functions of this Directorate as stated above in the next twenty five years.:-

<u>S.No</u>	<u>Name of the Schemes</u>
1	Strengthening of Public Distribution System
2	Strengthening of Consumer Protection Movement in Union Territory.
3	Re-Organization of Weights and Measures.

SCHEME NO.1

The Civil Supplies Department had four Schemes in the 9th Five Year Plan ie. Enhancement of Storage Facilities and Expansion and Strengthening of Public Distribution System and sufficient storage capacity of Civil Supplies Department for storing buffer stock of foodgrains for six months has already been created. The present total storage capacity of Civil Supplies Department is 11557 MTs in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and by the completion of 1st year of Xth Five Year Plan ie Annual plan 2002-03 the Storage Capacity will be enhanced upto 14000 MTs. Besides, the Food Corporation of India has total storage capacity of 7500 MTs at their Depot at Dolly Gunj. With all these there will be sufficient storage capacity to store buffer stock of foodgrains for atleast six months. Few works which are in progress during the current financial year have been carried over as spill over works under the Xth Five year Plan. As such in consultation with the Secretary(Civil Supplies) and also with Commissioner-Cum-Secretary(Planning) it has been decided that there is no need for construction of any further godown during the Xth Five Year Plan and, therefore, the Scheme No. 1 & 2 have been merged as Scheme No. 1 **“Strengthening of Public Distribution System”** for the Xth Five Year Plan.

The Scheme envisages expansion and strengthening of Public Distribution System to ensure availability of essential commodities to the vulnerable sections, especially in the rural areas where productivity and wages are comparatively low. It also envisages to serve as an essential complement for employment and income generation so that rise in price can be neutralized by additional income. At present there are 496 Fair Price Shops functioning in different pockets of this Territory and with the increase of population during the Plan period there will be need of more Fair Price Shops which will be met by licensing more FPS during the next twenty five years. Further with the number of traders dealing in essential commodities increasing and with the various development and influx of population, there will be more growth of trade and commerce necessitating effective control and supervision over the Fair Price Shops and trade centers for enforcement of various control orders ,so as to check the rise in price and to take effective steps on hoarding, black-marketing and other activities of the trader. For this purpose, the scheme envisages at increasing the enforcement staff and to put the cell under senior officers for effective control over enforcement activities and service to the consumer. The main objective to implement this scheme in the next twenty five years to construct office building, accommodation and creation of post as per the future requirement .

SCHEME NO.II

The Scheme envisages expansion and strengthening of Consumer Protection Movement in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The Consumers Movement even now is in its infancy in this territory considering the enormity of our problems particularly the vulnerable condition of our Consumers in relation to the sellers there is an urgent need for accelerating the consumer Movement. The Government of India/ Administration have issued number of control orders under Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) to regulate and control the distribution of controlled items and essential commodities among others in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. But most of the consumers are perhaps unaware of the Consumer Protection, bringing consumers awareness, setting up of the Citizen Protection Committees,co-ordination of action plan between the Government and voluntary organisations strengthening of the enforcement wing of the Department for Consumer Protection and to form a Consumer Protection Cell is felt absolutely necessary. With this end in view scheme envisages at providing required enforcement staff, field motivators, purchase of vehicles and to

undertake publicity and training programme for consumer awareness and redressal of consumer grievances in the next twenty five years .Recently a permanent structure namely State Commission building has been constructed for providing relief to the consumer under the consumer protection act 1986 with the Redt. Judge of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta as a president . However a land has already been allotted for construction of District Forum Building in front of Civil Supplies office complex the construction work of the building will be undertaken shortly . The main objective of this schemes in the next twenty five years is to provide legal relief to the consumer spread over in the different Island of this UT.

SCHEME NO.III

The schemes envisages expansion and strengthening of weights and measures organisation in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. The scheme also envisages to set up a separate cell for the weights and measures. At present the weights and measures organisation is functioning with one Assistant Director and one Inspector (weights & measures). The Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is spread over in an area of 700 Km from Diglipur in the North to Campbell Bay in the South separated be high seas. At present the Weight and Measures Organisation has only one Assistant Director and one Inspector. It is virtually impossible for these two officials to effectively check, inspect and verify the weight and measures of the traders and take action against defaulters under the provision of Standards of Weight and Measures Act and Rules framed there under. As such under the plan scheme one post of Inspector (W&M) has been created and action has already been taken to fill up the newly created post for check, inspect and verify the Weights & Measures of the traders. The Director(Civil Supplies), Andaman & Nicobar Islands is functioning as ex-officio Joint Controller(Legal Metrology).

The scheme envisages purchase of equipments, vehicles and creation of additional posts and appointment of staff to cope up with the present work load in the next twenty five years of the plan schemes. The Govt. Of India, Ministry of Food & Civil Supplies Department have emphasised the need for setting up of an independent Organisation, but the cell should operate under the Director with need based staff to fulfill the objectives of Govt. of India. In the present economic situation there is need to intensify the enforcement activities such as enforcement of law, verification and stamping, checking of weights and measures instruments used in the transaction by the traders so as to protect the consumers from unfair trade practice adopted by unscrupulous elements in the trade. Hence, it is considered absolutely necessary to expand the organisation for the benefit of the consumers specifically the weaker sections of the society .However by considering the needs of the people the directorate is already per posed for allotment two hectare land for construction of a separate infrastructure for weights and measure organization and appointment of staffs as per the future requirement of the organization .

A Projection of proposed infrastructure to be created in the next twenty five years is detailed below :-

Sl.No.	Name of the Infrastructure	Infrastructure Existing as on 31.3.03	Infrastructure proposed upto 25 years.
2002-2007			
	A. Godown	As per the direction of the working committee and decision of District Planning Committe on finalisation of Xth Five Year Annual Plan 2002-07 the civil supplies department shall not construct any new godowns in future under the plan schemes	

	B. MS & HSD OUTLET		
		NIL	Mayabunder
		NIL	Diglipur
		NIL	Chakkargaon
		NIL	Wimberlygunj/Bambooflat Choak.
	C. LPG Extension Counter		
		NIL	Terressa
		NIL	Chowra
		NIL	Pillomillow
		NIL	Kadamtalla
	D.Extension of Infrastructure for Consumer Protection Act.		
	<u>Car Nicoabar</u>	NIL	C/o District Forum building
	E.Staff Quarters		
1.	Port Blair	NIL	
			C/o Type I Quarter
			C/o Type II Quarter
2.	Rangat	2 Nos.Type I Qtrs 2 Nos.Type II Qtrs	C/o. Type I Qtr
3.	Hut Bay	NIL	C/o Type I Quarter C/o Type II Quarter
4.	Mayabunder	2 Nos.Type I Qtrs	C/o Type II Quarter C/o Type III Quarter C/o Office building
5.	Diglipur	2 Nos.Type I Qtrs 2 Nos.Type II Qtrs	C/o Type I Quarter
6.	Neil Island	NIL	C/o Type I Quarter C/o Type II Quarter C/o Office Building .
7.	Havelock	NIL	C/o Type I Quarter C/o Type II Quarter
8.	Baratang	NIL	C/o Type I Quarter C/o Type II Quarter
9.	Car Nicobar	6 Nos.Type II Qtrs 4 Nos.Type I Qtrs	C/o Type I Quarter C/o Type II Quarter C/o Office building at Teressa & Chowra
10.	Campbell Bay	2 Nos. Type I Qtr.	C/o Type I Quarter C/o Type II Quarter
	F. Setting up of Branch Offices of Weights & Measures		
		NIL	Separate infrastructure for Weights & Measures at Port Blair.(Head Office)

2007-2012			
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	B. MS & HSD OUTLET		
			Havelock
			Neil
			Campbell Bay
			Baratang
	C. LPG Extension Counter		
		NIL	Pillobhabi
			Kondul
	D. Extension of Infrastructure for Consumer Protection Act.		
	Diglipur		Infrastructure for Consumer Protection Act.
	E. Staff Quarters		
1.	Port Blair		C/o Type III Quarter
		NIL	C/o Type I Quarter
2.	Rangat	2 Nos. Type I Qtrs	C/o Type III Quarter
		2 Nos. Type II Qtrs	C/o Type II Quarter
			C/o Type III Quarter
4.	Mayabunder	2 Nos. Type I Qtr	
5.	Diglipur		
		1 No. Office building	C/o Type II Quarter
			C/o Office building at Nabagram
6.	Neil Island		
			C/o Type II Quarter
			C/o Office building
7.	Havelock		
		NIL	C/o Type I Quarter
		NIL	C/o Type II Quarter
8.	Baratang	NIL	C/o Type I Quarter
		NIL	C/o Type II Quarter
9.	Car Nicobar	6 Nos. Type II Qtrs	C/o Type III Qtr
		4 Nos. Type I Qtrs	
10.	Campbell Bay	2 Nos. Type I Qtr.	
	F. Setting up of Branch Offices of Weights & Measures	NIL	Middle Andaman(Rangat) North Andaman(Diglipur)

2012-2017			
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		As per the direction of the working committee and decision of District Planning Committee on finalisation of Xth Five Year Annual Plan 2002-07 the civil supplies department shall not construct any new godowns in future under the plan schemes	
	B. MS & HSD OUTLET		
			Hut Bay
			Katchal
			Kamorta
	C. LPG Extension Counter	NIL	NIL
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	D.Extension of Infrastructure for Consumer Protection Act.		
	Hut Bay	NIL	Infrastructure for Consumer Protection Act.
	E.Staff Quarters		
1.	Port Blair		C/o Type IV Quarter
			C/o Office building at Stewertgunj
2.	Rangat		
3.	Hut Bay		C/o Type I Quarter
			C/o Type III Quarter
4.	Mayabunder	2 Nos. Type I Qtr	C/o Type III Quarter
			C/o Type II Qtr.
5.	Diglipur	NIL	NIL
		1 No. Office building	
6.	Neil Island		C/o Type III Quarter
7.	Havelock		C/o Type III Quarter
8.	Baratang		C/o Office building
9.	Car Nicobar	6 Nos.Type II Qtrs	C/o Type III Qtr.
		4 Nos.Type I Qtrs	
10.	Campbell Bay	2 Nos. Type I Qtr.	C/o Type III Qtr.
	F. Setting up of Branch Offices of Weights & Measures		
		NIL	Hut Bay
			Neil
			Havelock
2017-2022			
	A. Godown	As per the direction of the working committee and decision of District Planning Committee on finalisation of Xth Five Year Annual Plan 2002-07 the civil supplies department shall not construct any new godowns in future under the plan schemes	

	B. MS & HSD OUTLET	NIL	NIL
	C. LPG Extension Counter	NIL	NIL
	D.Extension of Infrastructure for Consumer Protection Act.	NIL	NIL
	E.Staff Quarters		
1.	Port Blair		C/o of Type II Qtrs.
			C/o Type III Qtr.
2.	Rangat	2 Nos.Type I Qtrs	C/o Type III Qtr.
		2 Nos.Type II Qtrs	NIL
			NIL
3.	Hut Bay		C/o Type I Qtr.
			C/o Type II Qtr.
4.	Mayabunder	2 Nos. Type I Qtr	C/o Type I Qtr.
5.	Diglipur		C/o Type III Qtr.
		1 No. Office building	
6.	Neil Island	NIL	C/o Type I Qtr.
7.			
8.	Baratang	NIL	NIL
9.	Car Nicobar	6 Nos.Type II Qtrs	
		4 Nos.Type I Qtrs	NIL
10.	Campbell Bay	2 Nos. Type I Qtr.	C/o Type I Qtr.
	F. Setting up of Branch Offices of Weights & Measures		
		NIL	Kamorta (Branch Office)
		NIL	Campbell Bay(Branch Office)

DIRECTOR(CS&CA)

