

and the price of such foodgrains shall be the same as the price under PDS in a particular block.

For the purpose, Government Of India allocates foodgrains to different States/Union Territories through Food Corporation Of India. The PDS network of the State/UT is under obligation, unless until there are genuine cogent and unavoidable reasons to the contrary, to lift the allocated foodgrains and make them available at PDS shops for distribution to workers under JRY. The prices for the allocated foodgrains to be distributed under PDS in particular block shall be same as PDS price. For this propose the DRDAs may intimate the anticipation requerment of food grains to civil supply Department, along with advance payment if so required. The Civil Supply Department may make available the foodgrains for distribution as part of wages under JRY at the PDS shop, after providing for the normal order processing, and procurement time, at price equal to PDS price. In recent past the PDS network of UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands has shown its inability to supply rice to various VPS/TCS for developmental schemes implemented by them. They have asked that instead of obtaining rice (as a part of wage payment) from PDS shops the DRDA Nicobars should procure the rice on behalf of various VPS/TCS directly from FCI Port Blair. The Supply Department has also said that they would provide only the storage facilities in their departmental godowns/depots. Supply Department shall charge transportation and handling cost from DRDA Nicobars vide their letter No.2-12/SD/SAS/94/2248 dt 1.5.1995 and letter No.55-40/94-TR dt .PA 22.2.1995 (Annexure 3 & 4). The stand taken by Supply Department is against the provisions and spirit of JRY Manual and compromise with the principle of protection of real wages of tribals/rural poors. In recent past various tribal leaders,