

18. To increase the quantity of PDS Sugar and Wheat in A & N Islands

The Committee was apprised that the Gol provides the subsidy in PDS Sugar @ Rs.18.50 per kg. Subsidy was allowed by the Gol for 1 kg of Sugar per person per month. But from April 2017 onwards, the Gol has limited the subsidy only to AAY households i.e., 1 kg per household. However, considering the Sugar prices in the open market, from April 2017 supply of Sugar to Priority Households(PHH) at the scale of 1 kg per household per month is being given. The Administration has fixed the end retail price of Sugar for AAY and PHH households @ Rs.15 per kg and Rs.30 per kg respectively.

The UT Administration has fixed the scale of wheat for a household comprising of 1-3 members of APL category at 8 kg per household per month and for the family comprising of 4 and above members it is fixed at 12 kg per household per month. Whereas, for AAY category, Gol has fixed the scale of 35 kg food grains per household per month of which 31 kg Rice and 4 kg Wheat flour is being distributed. Similarly, for PHH category, the Gol has fixed the scale of 5 kg food grains per member per month of which 4 kg Rice and 1 kg Wheat flour is being issued to the beneficiaries.

19. Filling up of all Govt. group 'B' & 'C' posts from the candidates belonging to A & N islands considering the unemployment situation prevailing in the Islands and very negligible employment opportunities in the private sector.

It was apprised to the Committee that 46% reservation in public employment of the Islands is exclusively available for islanders. As per ruling Hon'ble Supreme Court presently no restrictions are being imposed with regard to the eligibility for appointment in any public employment in A & N Administration. It was felt that there is a need for UT Administration to enable maximum possible representation of applicants in the public employment in the Islands.

(Action: UT Administration)

20. Considering that the carrying capacity of the Islands has already reached the maximum, Inner Line Permit for the visitors visiting A & N Islands should be introduced without any further delay.

Hon'ble HM desired that illegal entry of foreigners should be restricted. Lt. Governor, Andaman & Nicobar Islands may like to seek suggestions in this regard from all the Members & Stakeholders and examine and submit suggestions to MHA for consideration.

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21. Introduction of International route flights to countries like Malaysia, Singapore and Burma via Port Blair.

The representative of Ministry of Civil Aviation apprised the Committee that it is not feasible for an airline to start either origin/termination operation or to operate a via flight