



ABSTRACT

Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business - Corona outbreak - Promotion of purchase of Agricultural produce from the farmers by traders - Extension of waiver/suspension of godown rent, interest on pledge loan, 1% Market fee collection and user charges for cold storages upto 31.05.2020 due to lockdown period - Orders issued.

Agriculture (AM.3) Department

G.O.(Ms)No.87

Dated: 28.04.2020

திருவள்ளூர் ஆண்டு 2051
சித்திரைத் திங்கள் 15-ஆம் நாள்

Read:

1. G.O.(Ms)No. 82, Agriculture (AM3) Department, dated 08.04.2020
2. G.O.(Ms)No.85, Agriculture (AM3) Department, dated 16.04.2020
3. From the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business Letter No.MCS1/26346/2016, dated 27.04.2020

ORDER:

As the Government has announced a lockdown from 25.03.2020 to 14.04.2020 to arrest the spread of COVID-19 in the State, the collection of 1% market fee by regulated markets for all notified crops was suspended temporarily upto 30.04.2020 and also the decision to allow farmers to keep their Farm Produce in the godowns for 30 days free of cost, instead of 15 days was also ratified in the G.O. 1st read above.

2. Subsequently, the cold storage rent was also waived in the G.O. 2nd read above temporarily up to 30.04.2020 for the farmers to keep their produce on free of user charges due to lockdown period imposed to contain Corona (COVID-19) outbreak.

3. Now, the Government has extended the lockdown period upto 03.05.2020. In continuation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister has made the following announcements on 26.04.2020:-

- i. Waiver of godown rent ,
- ii. Waiver of interest on pledge loan,
- iii. Suspension of 1% Market fee collection from traders for trading of notified Agricultural Produces in the notified area.
- iv. Waiver of user charges for cold storages from farmers

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The above waiver / suspension will be extended for another one month period i.e. upto 31.05.2020 to facilitate the Agriculture produce movement and trading.

4. Following the above announcement, the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business in his letter 3rd read above has requested the Government to issue necessary orders for (i) the waiver of godown rent (ii) waiver of interest on pledge loan (iii) suspension of 1% Market fee collection from traders for trading of notified crops in the notified area and (iv) waiver of user charges for cold storages from farmers for another one month period i.e. upto 31.05.2020 to facilitate the Agriculture produce movement and trading.

5. The Government have carefully examined the proposal of the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business and decided to accept the same. Accordingly, the Government direct that the waiver of godown rent to allow the farmers to keep their farm produce in godowns for 30 days i.e. upto 30.04.2020 at free of cost and also suspension of 1% market fee collection by the Regulated Markets/Market Committees from traders for trading of notified crops in the notified areas of Regulated Markets / Market Committees as ordered in the G.O. 1st read above be extended for another one month i.e. upto 31.05.2020 due to extension of lockdown period to contain Corona (COVID-19) outbreak.

6. The Government also direct that the waiver of user charges / rent for cold storages from farmers ordered upto 30.04.2020 vide G.O. 2nd read above be extended upto 31.05.2020 and also the waiver of collection of pledge loan interest be also continued upto 31.05.2020 to facilitate the Agriculture produce movement and trading due to extension of lockdown period to contain Corona (COVID-19) outbreak.

7. The Government further direct the Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business that necessary instructions be issued to the Market Committees in this regard.

(BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR)

GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI
Agricultural Production Commissioner
and Principal Secretary to Government

To

The Commissioner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business, Chennai-32.
The Chief Executive Officer,
Tamil Nadu State Agricultural Marketing Board, Chennai-32
All the District Collectors.
All Special Officers / Secretaries of Market Committees

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Thro' the Commissionner of Agricultural Marketing and Agri Business,
Chennai-32

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As. S. S. S.

Section Officer

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