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Hyderabad  
19<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

To

The Hon'ble Minister for Irrigation & CAD  
Food and Civil Supplies department  
Government of Telangana  
Hyderabad

Respected Sir,

**Sub:** - P.D.S Issue of new ration cards - Certain  
Suggestions from Forum for Good Governance –  
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Forum for Good Governance a not-for-profit civil society organisation appreciates the Hon'ble Minister for his novel move to initiate consultation process to formulate eligibility criteria and modalities for issue of new ration cards.

In this regard F.G.G has the following suggestions to make

1. As per Hon'ble ministers press briefing there are close to 90 lakh ration cards covering a population of 2.84 crore people (both union and state government)
2. The population of Telangana is close to 4 crores. According NITI Ayog report 3.74% of population of Telangana are multi-dimensional poor. Further various survey reports say that close to 20% of people of Telangana are Below Poverty Line (BPL) families. It means 20% of 4 crore population need food security through Public Distribution System (PDS).

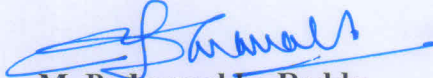
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3. If the BPL criteria is applied only 80 lakh people require free rice as against the present 2.84crores people. Nearly 2 crore ineligible people are in possession of ration cards. These 2 crores people drawing 6 Kgs of rice free, amounts to 12crore Kgs of rice and in monetary terms 600 crores of leakage is taking place per month due to issue of bogus cards. Bogus ration cards to be eliminated by intensive house to house survey.
4. For political gains the previous Government has issued large scale ration cards almost covering 75% of the state's population. The present Government should stop this unethical practice and restrict the issue of ration cards to B.P.L. families only. These poor families also to be given one Kg. dhal and one litre cooking oil along with free rice to improve their livelihood.
5. Most of the PDS beneficiaries dispose of the rice at cheap rate to brokers who supply it is poulterers and sometimes re-polished and sell to road side eateries for preparing Idli's etc
6. The statement of Hon'ble Minister that from January 2025 onwards fine quality rice will be supplied through PDS is welcome.

To sum up the immediate task is to weed out the cards in the possession of ineligible families. Every month Rs. 600 crores of Tax payer's money is squandered. F.G.G requests the Hon'ble minister to weed out the cards in possession of ineligible person than issue smart cards.

Yours Sincerely,

  
**M. Padmanabha Reddy**  
President  
Forum for Good Governance

**Copy to** Commissioner, Food & Civil Supplies department, Government of Telangana





## రేషన్ కార్డులు అర్దులకే ఇవ్వండి

**మంత్రి ఉత్తమకు ఎఫ్జీజీ లేఖ**

**హైదరాబాద్, వెలుగు:** రాష్ట్రంలో అర్దులైన బీపీఎల్ కుటుంబాలకే రేషన్ కార్డులు ఇవ్వాలని సీఎల్ సపై మంత్రి ఉత్తమ కుమార్ రెడ్డిని ఫోరం ఫర్ గుడ్ గవర్నెన్స్ ప్రెసిడెంట్ పద్మనాభ రెడ్డి కోరారు. సీఐ ఆయోగ్ లెక్కల ప్రకారం రాష్ట్రంలో 13.74 శాతం మాత్రమే బీపీఎల్ కుటుంబాలు ఉన్నాయని.. కానీ, ప్రస్తుతం రాష్ట్రంలో 90 లక్షల రేషన్ కార్డులు ఉన్నట్లు ప్రభుత్వం చెబుతోందన్నారు. ఇందులో 70 లక్షల కార్డులు రెండు కోట్ల మంది ప్రజల దగ్గర ఉన్నాయని ఆయన తెలిపారు. రేషన్ కార్డుల జారీలో పలు అంశాలను పరిగణనలోకి తీసుకోవాలని మంత్రి ఉత్తమ కు గురువారం పద్మనాభ రెడ్డి లేఖ రాశారు. రెండు కోట్ల మందికి 6 కిలోల చొప్పున 12 కోట్ల కిలోల బియ్యం ప్రతి నెలా ఇస్తున్నారని.. ఇందులో రూ. 600 కోట్ల విలువైన బియ్యం అనర్దులకు దక్కుతున్నాయని లేఖలో ఆయన పేర్కొన్నారు. ఇంటింటి సర్వే చేసి అనర్దుల రేషన్ కార్డులను తొలగించాలని ఆయన మంత్రిని కోరారు. బీపీఎల్ కుటుంబాలకు బియ్యం, కిలో పప్పు, ఒక కిలో నూనె ఇవ్వాలని ఆయన సూచించారు. రేషన్ బియ్యంను ఎవరూ తినడం లేదని, టిఫిన్ సెంటర్లకు, కోళ్ల ఫారాలకు అమ్ముతున్నారని లేఖలో ఆయన తెలిపారు. కొత్త రేషన్ కార్డుల ద్వారా సన్నబియ్యం ఇవ్వాలని మంత్రి ఉత్తమను పద్మనాభ రెడ్డి కోరారు.

# *FGG: Weed out ration cards of nearly 2 cr ineligible people*

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THE Forum for Good Governance (FGG) on Thursday demanded the government weed out the ration cards in possession of ineligible families.

The FGG president, M Padmanabha Reddy, said that as per the minister's press briefing, there were close to 90 lakh ration cards covering a population of 2.84 crore (both Union and State governments).

The population of Telangana is close to four crore. According to a NITI Ayog report, 3.74 per cent of the population is multi-dimensionally poor. Various survey reports say close to 20 per cent of people were below poverty line (BPL) families. It means 20 per cent of the four crore population needs food security through the public distribution system (PDS). If the BPL criteria are applied, only 80 lakh people require free rice as against the present 2.84 crore. Nearly two crore ineligible people were in possession of ration cards. The two crore people drawing six kg of rice free amounts to 12 crore kg rice, and in monetary terms, Rs 600 crore of leakage is taking place a month due to the issue of bogus cards. Bogus ration cards need to be eliminated by an intensive house-to-house survey.



# Weed out 'bogus' ration cards to save ₹600 cr. per month: Forum for Good Governance

**The Hindu Bureau**  
HYDERABAD

Forum for Good Governance has urged the State government, specifically Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, to first weed out the 'bogus' ration cards in the possession of ineligible persons before issuing the new proposed smart cards, on Thursday.

In a communication to the Minister, a copy of which was released to the media, Forum president M. Padmanabha Reddy has claimed that every month ₹600 crore of tax payers' money is being squandered on account of such



Two crore ineligible people are in possession of ration cards, drawing 6 kg of rice free or 12 crore kilos in total, per month.  
REPRESENTATIONAL PICTURE

'bogus' cards. Welcoming the Minister's proposal to initiate discussions with stakeholders to decide on the modalities for issuance of new ration cards, he

pointed out that there were about 90 lakh ration cards for a population of 2.84 crores people when the Telangana population is close to four crores.

**Once the BPL criteria is applied, only 80 lakh people will be eligible for the free rice through PDS as against 2.84 crores in Telangana**

The NITI-Ayog report states that 3.74% of the population are multi-dimensional poor and various other survey reports show 20% are Below Poverty Line (BPL), which means this section requires food security through the Public Distribution System (PDS), said Mr. Reddy. Once the BPL criteria is applied, only 80

lakh people will be eligible for the free rice through PDS as against 2.84 crores in Telangana. Therefore, as many as two crores ineligible people are in possession of ration cards drawing six kg of rice free or 12 crore kilos in total, amounting to ₹600 crore leakage per month. Such 'bogus' cards need to be eliminated by an intensive house-to-house survey, said the FGG.

The agency charged the previous BRS government with issuing large-scale ration cards covering 75% of the population and urged the government to restrict the issue of ration cards to eligible BPL families only.

# **ISSUE RATION CARD FOR NEEDY ONLY: FORUM**

**DC CORRESPONDENT  
HYDERABAD, SEPT. 19**

The Forum for Good Governance has asked civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy to weed out around two crore people, who have been illegally enjoying public distribution system (PDS) benefits.

Forum president M. Padmanabha Reddy welcomed the government move to initiate a consultation process to formulate eligibility criteria and work out modalities for issuing new ration cards.

At present close to 90 lakh ration cards covering a population of 2.84 crore out of the four crore population in the state, are getting benefits under PDS.