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CIVIL SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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SUPPLY UNIT, LITTLE ANDAMAN

**STRENGTHENING FOOD SECURITY,
EMPOWERING THE ISLANDS.**

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VISION & MISSION



OUR MANDATE

To ensure the food security of every citizen in Little Andaman through a transparent, efficient, and equitable Public Distribution System (PDS).

"Together, let us create a transparent, efficient and equitable system for every citizen in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands."

CORE OBJECTIVES

- Universal Access: Guaranteeing the timely availability of essential commodities even in the most remote corners of the island.
- Price Stability: Monitoring market rates and preventing hoarding or black marketing through vigilant enforcement.
- Modernization: Transitioning from manual legacy systems to a fully digitized, Aadhaar-enabled ecosystem (Smart PDS).
- Nutritional Support: Implementing the Fortified Rice Initiative to combat malnutrition among women and children.





ABOUT SUPPLY UNIT, LITTLE ANDAMAN

INTRODUCTION

The Lifeline of Little Andaman

The **Supply Unit, Little Andaman** operates under the administrative control of the Department of Civil Supplies with the primary responsibility of ensuring timely procurement, safe storage, and systematic distribution of essential commodities.

Overcoming Challenges Owing to Little Andaman's geographical remoteness and dependence on mainland supplies, our role is critical. We specialize in:

- **Advance Planning:** Bulk procurement to mitigate transportation constraints.
- **Logistics Management:** Ensuring supply chains remain unbroken during seasonal disruptions.
- **Welfare Implementation:** Executing National Food Security Act (NFSA) schemes for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AY) and Priority Household (PHH) beneficiaries.

Network at a Glance

- *Universal PDS Coverage: ~90% of the Population.*
- *Fair Price Shops (FPS): 23 Active Units.*
- *Godowns: 02 Major Storage Facilities (300 MT Capacity Each).*



STAFF & LEADERSHIP

THE FORCE BEHIND THE SERVICE



Leadership

Godown Incharge: Shri Depak Kumar Datta, HGC.

- Joined Duty: 20.01.2020.
- Recognition: Recipient of the "Best Employee Award" and Certificate of Appreciation from Vasant DC IAS for his spirit of public service.



Staff Strength

(As on Date)

- **HGC:** 01
- **Weighman:** 01
- **MTS:** 03
- **DRM:** Included
- **Total FPS Monitored:** 23



Key Personnel

- **Smti. CH. Neelaveni, DRM:** Recognized with the Best Employee Award for outstanding performance at Supply Unit, Little Andaman.
- **Shri Papa Rao:** MTS, Metrology Section (Active contributor to department updates).
- **Shri Prasad:** Aadhar Operator (Leading the EKYC initiatives).
- **Shri Hussain Akhter:** Weighman (Honored at his farewell for dedicated service).

INFRASTRUCTURE HIGHLIGHTS

2025-26 Achievements

Strategic Expansion To enhance our storage buffer and ensure food security during monsoon isolation, the Department has aggressively pursued capital expansion.



New Civil Supply Godown

- Location:** R.K. Pur, Hut Bay.
- Capacity:** 150 MT.
- Status:** Construction work taken up during August 2025.
- Significance:** This new facility will increase our strategic reserve capability, reducing reliance on frequent shipments.



Generator Room

- Status:** Construction initiated in August 2025 and successfully completed.
- Impact:** Ensures 24/7 power backup for the Godown operations, critical for digital record-keeping and security lighting.



MODERNIZING OUR FACILITIES

RENOVATION & MODERNIZATION

Upgrading for Efficiency and Safety

Revamping the Hub The Department successfully executed major renovation works in August 2025 to improve the working environment and storage safety.



- **Civil Supply Godown (Hut Bay):** Comprehensive renovation of 01 No. Godown completed. This ensures grain safety from moisture and pests.
- **Civil Supply Office (Hut Bay):** Full renovation of the administrative office completed. A modern workspace for a modern workforce.
- **Loading Infrastructure:** Construction of Barandah/Shed in front of 02 Nos. Civil Supply Godowns completed. This critical addition allows for all-weather loading and unloading operations, protecting food grains from rain.

FOOD SECURITY IN NUMBERS PDS STATISTICS (GRAIN DISTRIBUTION)

Monthly Allocation & Requirement

■■■ We ensure a steady flow of grains to meet the nutritional needs of every category of beneficiary. ■■■

RICE REQUIREMENT (Monthly)

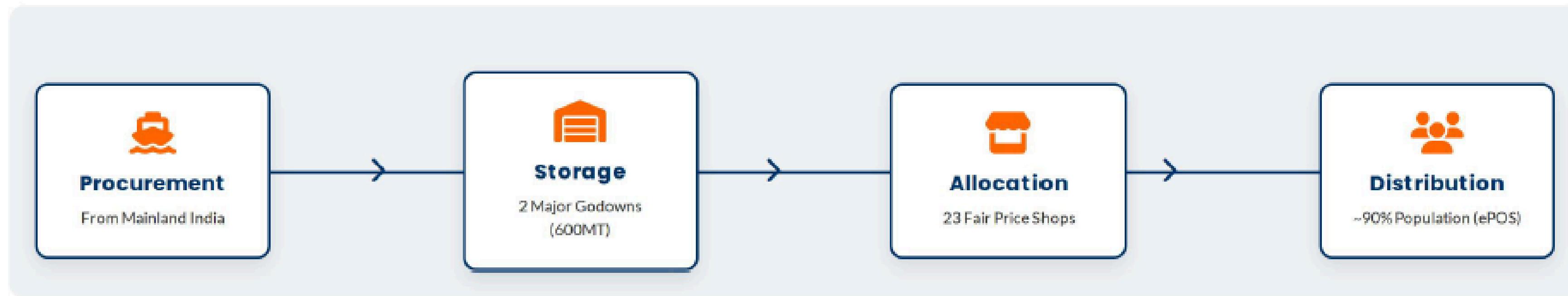
Category	Requirement (MT)
APL (Above Poverty Line)	467.000 MT
PHH (Priority Household)	11.000 MT
AAY (Antyodaya Anna Yojana)	12.000 MT
TOTAL	~490 MT

WHEAT REQUIREMENT (Monthly)

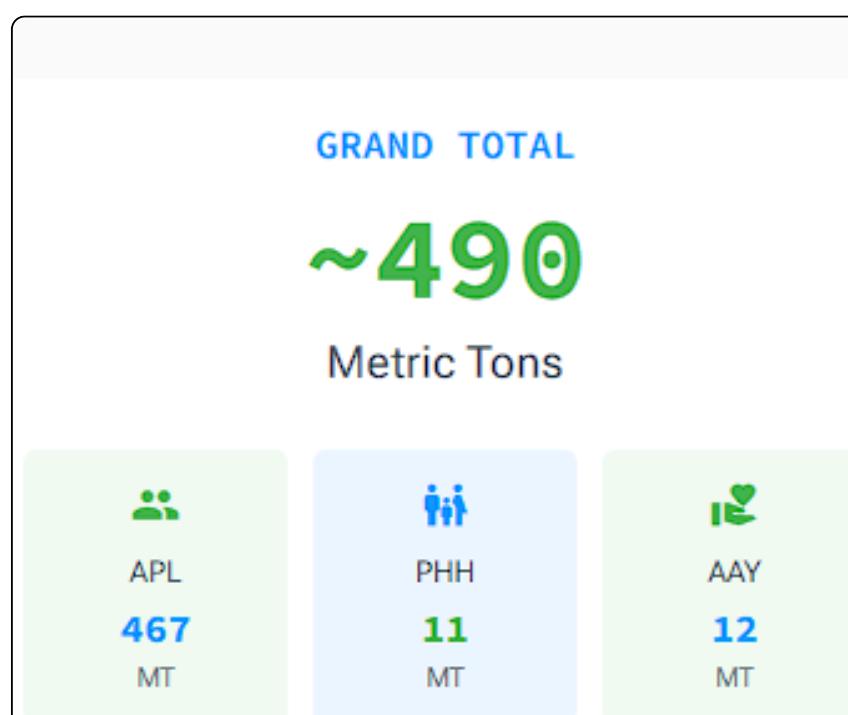
Category	Requirement (MT)
APL (Above Poverty Line)	30.000 MT
PHH (Priority Household)	3.000 MT
AAY (Antyodaya Anna Yojana)	2.000 MT
TOTAL	35.000 MT

Note on Welfare Schemes: From 1st January 2024, all identified NFSA beneficiaries are provided food grains Free of Cost under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

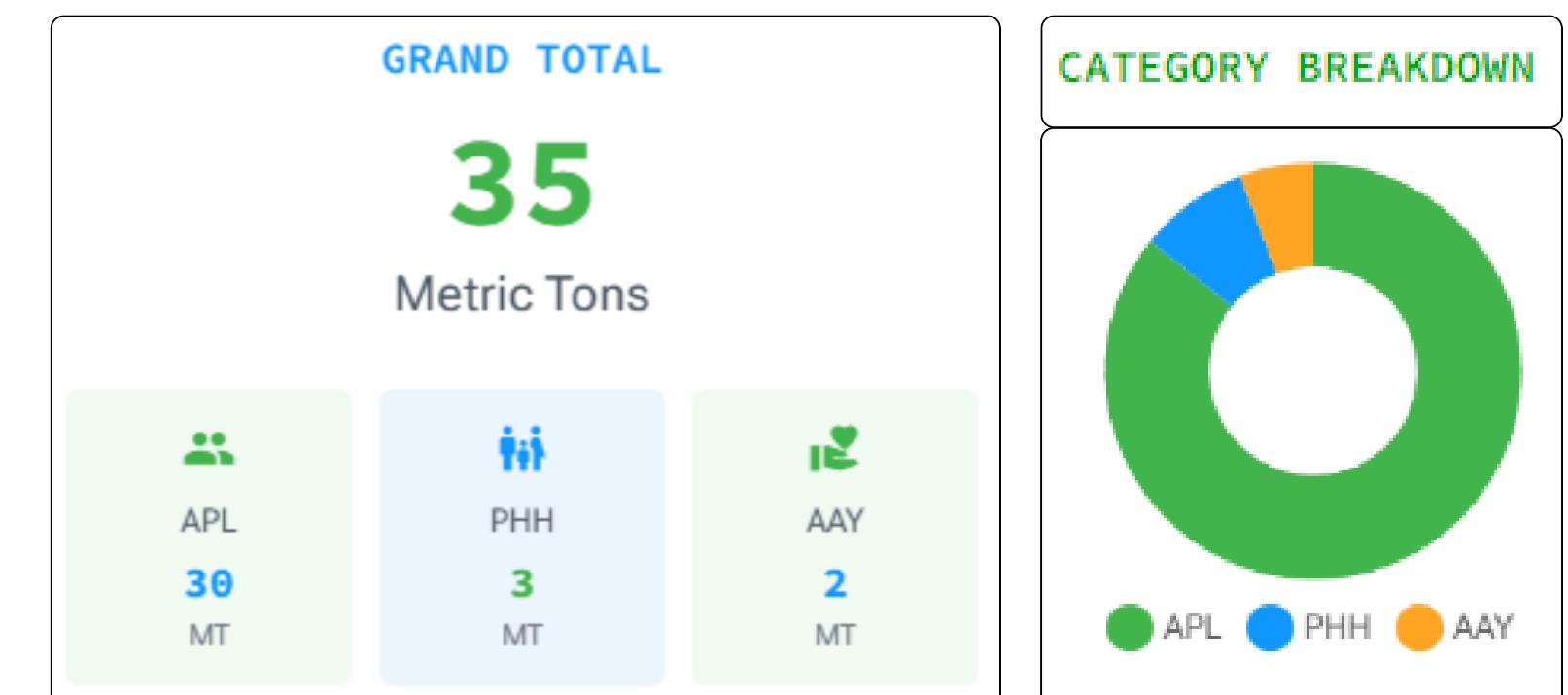
FOOD GRAIN DISTRIBUTION MECHANISM



Rice Requirement (Monthly)



Wheat Requirement (Monthly)





PRICE LIST & ENTITLEMENTS

KNOW YOUR ENTITLEMENTS

Transparency in Pricing and Quantity



Category

APL

APL

PHH

PHH

AAY

AAY

Commodity

Rice

Wheat

Rice

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Present Rate

₹11.20 / Kg

₹9.00 / Kg

₹3.00 / Kg

₹2.00 / Kg

₹3.00 / Kg

₹2.00 / Kg

Eligible Quantity

4.5 Kg per head (2.5 Kg for child <12 yrs)

Up to 3 members: 08 Kg
4+ members: 12 Kg

4 Kg per Head

1 Kg per Head

31 Kg per Family

4 Kg per Family

APL Above Poverty Line
<p> RICE ₹11.20 / Kg 4.5 Kg per head (2.5 Kg for child <12 yrs)</p> <p> WHEAT ₹9.00 / Kg Up to 3 members: 08 Kg 4+ members: 12 Kg</p>

PHH Priority Household
<p> RICE ₹3.00 / Kg 4 Kg per Head</p> <p> WHEAT ₹2.00 / Kg 1 Kg per Head</p>

AAY Antyodaya Anna Yojana
<p> RICE ₹3.00 / Kg 31 Kg per Family</p> <p> WHEAT ₹2.00 / Kg 4 Kg per Family</p>

FUELING HOMES, LPG DISTRIBUTION

PRADHAN MANTRI UJJWALA YOJANA & DOMESTIC COVERAGE

"Empowering homes, enriching lives - Clean Fuel for All."

Working in coordination with M/s CCS Ltd., Hut Bay, we ensure that clean cooking fuel reaches every household.



Connection Statistics (As of 2025)

Domestic Connections: **5,403 Nos.**

Ujjwala Yojana Beneficiaries: **932 Nos.**

Commercial Connections: **68 Nos.**

GRAND TOTAL: 6,403 Connections

Impact: The high penetration of LPG connections, specifically under the Ujjwala Yojana, has significantly reduced dependence on firewood, contributing to a greener Little Andaman.



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION (ONORC) ONE NATION, ONE RATION CARD

Portability with Purpose

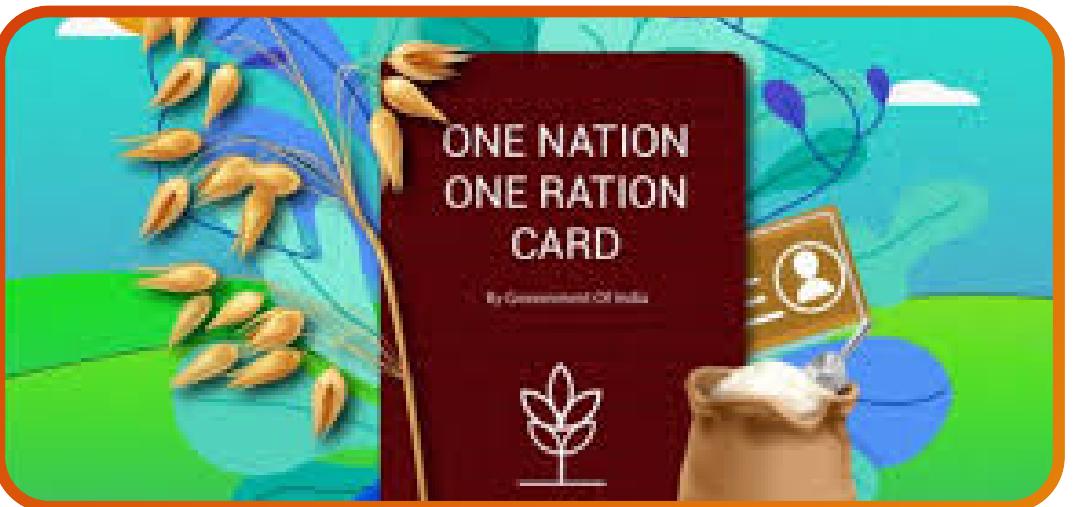
The Initiative The "One Nation One Ration Card" (ONORC) scheme empowers NFSA beneficiaries to lift their entitled food grains from any Fair Price Shop (FPS) in the country.



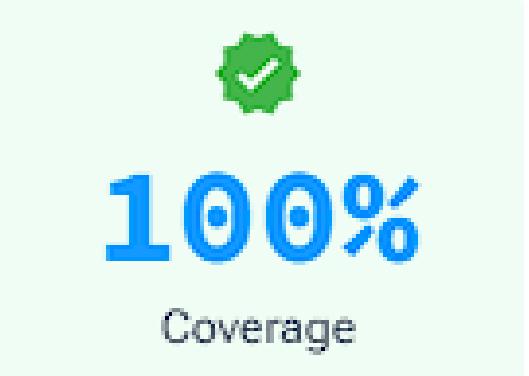
Implementation in Little Andaman

- 100% Coverage: ePoS (Electronic Point of Sale) devices are installed and active in all 23 Fair Price Shops.
- Biometric Authentication: Ensures food grains reach the rightful owner, eliminating identity fraud.
- Impact: Migrant workers and residents travelling to other islands or the mainland can now access their food security without interruption.

"Strengthening access, driving inclusion, seamless distribution for a transparent future."



IMPLEMENTATION IN LITTLE ANDAMAN



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION (ONORC) AADHAAR SERVICES & CAMPS

Aadhaar Enrollment & Updates

Special Camps Conducted

- **Total Camps:** 32 Special Aadhaar Camps held across all Panchayats.
- Special Focus: Camps held in tribal areas including Harminder Bay and Dugong Creek.

Performance Metrics

- **Residents Attended:** 1,927 individuals (Enrollment, Updates, Bio-metric updates).
- Aadhaar Generated: ~1,664 new Aadhaar cards generated till date.

Door - to - Door eKYC

Our teams have conducted door-to-door campaigns to seed Aadhaar with Ration Cards, ensuring a clean and duplicate-free database.

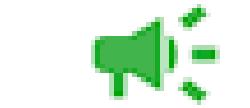
- **Result:** 489 Duplicate Ration Card units identified and deactivated, saving valuable government resources

The Department acts as the State Registrar for Aadhaar. We have taken the service to the people's doorstep to ensure no one is left behind.



DEPARTMENT ROLE

Acts as State Registrar for Aadhaar - bringing services to people's doorstep



32

Special Camps



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Residents Served



~1,664

Cards Generated



SPECIAL FOCUS

- Camps held in tribal areas including Harminder Bay and Dugong Creek



DOOR-TO-DOOR eKYC

- 489 Duplicate Ration Cards

- Identified & Deactivated



PROTECTING CONSUMER RIGHTS LEGAL METROLOGY & ENFORCEMENT

Our Legal Metrology wing ensures that citizens get exactly what they pay for. We conduct regular inspections of weights and measures used in commercial establishments.

Enforcement Activity Report

- Rule Violations Detected: 26 Cases booked.
- Compounding Fees Collected: ₹26,000.
- Verification & Stamping Fees: ₹1,22,690 collected.

Consumer Protection

These vigilant checks prevent unfair trade practices and ensure accuracy in every transaction across Little Andaman.

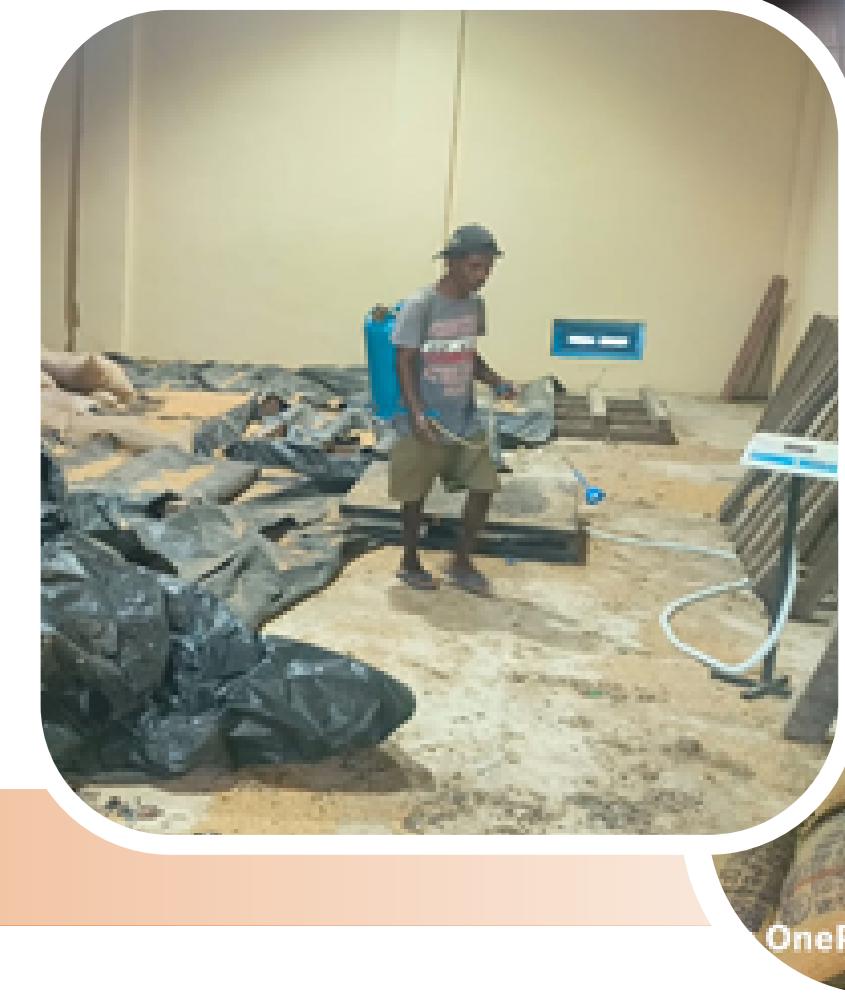


**CONSUMER
PROTECTION**

NUTRITION & INTEGRATION NUTRITION SECURITY

Fighting Malnutrition with Science

The Fortified Rice Initiative The Department has transitioned to distributing Fortified Rice—rice kernels enriched with essential micronutrients.



Key Nutrients

- **Iron:** Prevents Anemia.
- **Folic Acid:** Essential for blood formation.
- **Vitamin B12:** Supports nervous system health.

Target Beneficiaries

This initiative specifically supports the health of lactating mothers, newborns, infants, and growing children, taking a giant leap towards eradicating malnutrition in the islands.



IRON

Prevents Anemia



FOLIC ACID

Blood Formation



VITAMIN B12

Nervous System

TARGET BENEFICIARIES

- Lactating Mothers
- Growing Children

- Newborns & Infants
- Pregnant Women



SERVICE TO THE ONGI TRIBE TRIBAL WELFARE & OUTREACH

Reaching the unreached

In line with the government's mandate to serve the most vulnerable, the Supply Unit extended its services to the Ongi Tribal Reserve at Dugong Creek.

MISSION

Tribal
Inclusion

eKYC Drives

Conducted specialized EKYC camps for the Ongi tribals to ensure their inclusion in the National Food Security network.

Food Security

Ensuring uninterrupted supply of rations to tribal settlements, respecting their dietary habits while providing nutritional security.

This initiative underscores our commitment to "Antyodaya"—serving the last person in the line.



SAFETY & DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

We ensure a steady flow of grains to meet the nutritional needs of every category of beneficiary.

Stock Preservation

- **Fumigation:** Regular fumigation and disinfection by spray method are conducted in the Godowns to protect food grains from pests and infestation.
- **Scientific Stacking:** Food grains are stacked using scientific methods (dunnage) to prevent moisture damage.

Disaster Readiness

- **Mock Drills:** The Supply Unit actively participates in Mock Drill exercises to prepare for natural disasters (Earthquakes/Tsunamis), ensuring that the food supply chain remains resilient even in crises.
- **Fire Safety:** Regular checks of fire extinguishers and electrical safety in the renovated godowns.



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THE ROAD AHEAD, SMART PDS 2.0

PROCESS MODERNIZATION & DIGITIZATION

Process Modernization & Digitization

As we move into FY 2026-27, the Supply Unit is poised for a complete digital overhaul.

End-to-End Computerization

01

Full digitization of the TPDS ecosystem—from allocation to distribution.

Smart Commodity Management

02

Revamping modules to track grain movement in real-time.

Nomination Facility

03

Introducing facilities for PwDs (Persons with Disabilities) and bedridden beneficiaries to nominate a proxy for ration collection.

Green Energy

04

Expanding the use of Solar Rooftop projects (RESCO mode) for AAY beneficiaries.

OUR VISION

**"Smart systems, stronger access
— ensuring efficiency,
transparency, and coverage."**

Your
feedback
matters!

Let Your Voice Be Heard

FEEDBACK & PARTICIPATION

We value your suggestions and feedback.
Be an active participant in shaping services.



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