

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

No. FFD 32 EOM 77

Karnataka Government Secretariat,

Vidhana Soudha,

Bangalore, Dated 23-9-77

ORDER

Whereas the State Government is of the opinion that for securing equitable distribution of essential commodities, it is necessary and expedient to regulate the distribution of ration cards.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (Central Act 10 of 1955) read with the Order of the Government of India, Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Food) No. G.S.R. 316(E) dated the 20th June 1972, the Government of Karnataka hereby makes the following Order, namely:-

1. Title extent and commencement :

- (1) This Order may be called the Karnataka (Prevention of Unauthorised Possession of Ration Cards) Order 1977.
- (2) It extends to the whole of the State of Karnataka.
- (3) It shall come into force from 26th September, 1977.

2. Definitions : - In this order unless the context otherwise, requires -

- (1) "authorised retail dealer" means, a person engaged in the business of sale of any of the scheduled commodities to consumers only through fair price shops and who has obtained a licence for such business under the Karnataka Food (Retail) Dealers' Licensing Order, 1961.
2. 'Bogus ration card' means, a ration card issued in the name of a fictitious person and included a ration card which contains the names of any person whose name is already entered in any other ration card and also a ration card which contains any entry which the person in whose name it is issued knows or has reason to believe to be incorrect or false;
3. 'Competent Officer' means, such Officer and Officers as the State Government may, by Order, appoint for any area and more than one Officer may be appointed for any area;
4. 'Family' in relation to a person means, the person to whom a ration card has been issued and includes in all other persons

declared by such person as members of his house-hold living under his care and protection in the premises and at the address noted in the ration card.

5. 'house hold' means a group of persons who leave together and take their food from common kitchen unless the exigencies of work prevent them from doing so.

Explanation : A house-hold may consist of person who are related to each other or not;

6. 'Inspecting Officer' means an Officer of the Food and Civil Supplies Department of the State Government not below the rank of a Food Inspector;
 7. 'ration card' means a document issued to a person by a competent Officer enabling such persons to obtain from any authorised retail dealer any of the scheduled commodities specified in such document to the extent specified therein and includes permit issued by a competent Officer for any of the scheduled commodities;
 8. 'fair price shop' means, the premises where an authorised retail dealer carries on the business of sale of any of the scheduled commodities.
 9. 'Scheduled commodity' means, all or any of the commodities specified in the schedule appended to this Order.
3. Restriction on Possession of Ration Cards etc.:
1. No persons shall –
 - i) Dishonestly, apply for receive or use any ration cards whether a provision has been made for him or any member of his family in his own family Ration Cards or not;
 - ii) Apply for or obtain a ration card by intentionally giving incorrect details or information.
 - iii) Willfully alter or destroy, deface or permit to be altered, destroyed or defaced any of the entries made on the Ration Cards.
 2. In case there is any decrease or increase in the number of persons in the family of the ration card holder which may or is likely to continue for a period exceeding one month he shall report it to the competent authority within a fortnight thereof;

3. A Ration card shall not be lawfully available for use except when it is used by or on behalf of the person in respect of whom it is issued;
 4. No person shall transfer the Ration Card issued to him to any other person and he shall keep such Ration card in his proper custody in proper manner.
 5. If any Ration card is defaced, lost or destroyed, the competent Officer, after making such enquiry as he may think fit, issue a duplicate ration card, after collecting such fees as may be prescribed by the Director of Food and Civil Supplies, from time to time.
 6. When a new ration card is issued in place of a ration card lost, it shall be the duty of the person to whom the new ration card has been issued to return the later card forthwith to the Officer by whom it was issued if he subsequently finds it.
 7. No authorised retail dealer shall issue rations against a ration card which he knows or has reason to believe to be not genuine.
4. Power of Entry, Search, Seizure, etc :
1. Any Inspecting Officer or any other person authorised in this behalf by the State Government may, with a view to securing compliance with the Order or to satisfy himself that the provisions of his Order have been or are being complied with,
 - a) enter into or search any fair price shop or any other premises in which he has reason to believe that a contravention of this Order has been, or is being or is about to be, committed;
 - b) seize the ration card, or the bogus ration card referred to in clause 3 and the books and registers pertaining thereto. He may also seize any scheduled commodity to the extent of the quantities shown in the said ration card to be issued or the bogus ration card together with the packages, containers, coverings, receptacles, vehicles or vessels in which the said scheduled commodities are stored or stocked. In respect of the commodities seized a receipt shall immediately be given.
 2. Any scheduled commodity seized under sub-clause (1) shall be forfeited to the State Government.

5. Report of the Inspecting Officer : Immediately after the seizure referred to in clause 4, the Inspecting Officer shall report the matter to the competent Officer for taking further action in the matter.

SCHEDULE

(See Sub-clause (9) of Clause 2)

1. Rice (including paddy), 2. Wheat and wheat products, 3. Jower (including milo). 4. Bajra, 5. Maize, 6. Ragi, 7. Sugar, 8. Gram, 9. Gramdhal, 10. Toor, 11. Toordhall, 12. Greengram, 13. Urid, 14. Uridhal, 15. Kerosene, 16. Controlled cloth, 17. Any other commodities which are distributed on ration card from time to time.

By Order and in the name of the Government of Karnataka
Sd/- (P.G. KRISHNAMURTHY)
Under Secretary to Government
Food & Forest Department.

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Bangalore, dated 23rd Sept. 1977

ORDER

In pursuance of sub-clause (3) of clause 2 of the Karnataka (Prevention of Unauthorised Possession of Ration Card) Order 1977 the Government of Karnataka hereby appoint the Officer specified in column 2 of the following table to exercise the powers and perform the duties of the competent Officer under the said clause in the area specified in the corresponding entry of column 3 thereof, namely:

TABLE

Sl. No.	Officer	Area
1.	Assistant Commissioner, doing duty as Range North Range (Food and Civil Supplies Department), Bangalore City	Bangalore City Corporation Divisions coming under the Jurisdiction of the North Range.
2.	Assistant Commissioner, doing duty as range Officer, South Range (Food and Civil Supplies Department, Bangalore)	Bangalore City Corporation Divisions coming under the jurisdiction of the South Range.
3.	Assistant Commissioner doing duty as Range Officer, East Range (Food and Civil Supplies Department, Bangalore City.	Bangalore City Corporation Divisions coming under the jurisdiction Of the East Range.
4.	Assistant Commissioner, doing duty as Range Officer, Central Range (Food & Civil Supplies Department), Bangalore City.	Bangalore City Corporation Divisions coming under the jurisdiction Of the Central Range.
5.	Rationing Officer, K.G.F.	K.G.F. Informal Rationing Area
6.	Rationing Officer, Mysore City.	Informal Rationing Area of Mysore City
7.	Rationing Officer, Mangalore City	Informal Rationing Area of Mangalore City
8.	Rationing Officer, Belgaum City	Informal Rationing Area of Belgaum City
9.	Rationing Officer, Hubli-Dharwar Corporation	Informal Rationing Area

10. Rationing Officer, Gadag-Betgeri of Hubli-Dharwar Corporation.
Informal Rationing Area of
Gadag-Betgeri
11. Tahsildars of Taluks in all Districts of the state Respective revenue jurisdiction.
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