

Need to allocate additional 5 Kg of rice per household to non-National Food Security Act card holders of Kerala during Onam festival-laid

SHRI RAJMOHAN UNNITHAN (KASARAGOD): I would like to draw urgent attention of the Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution an important matter concerning the food security of the people of Kerala during the upcoming Onam festival in the first week of September. Kerala produces less than 15% of its food grain needs and relies heavily on allocations from the Government of India. During Onam, the demand for rice increases sharply, often causing a steep rise in prices that affects the common people, especially the economically weaker sections. To prevent this, the State Government proposes to distribute an additional 5 kg of rice per household to non-NFSA card holders (NPS & NPNS) in September 2025. This can only be done if the Government of India sanctions an adhoc allocation at tide-over rates and relaxes the monthly ceiling limit for this period. Therefore, I earnestly request the Union Government to urgently consider Kerala's request and sanction this additional rice allocation. This will help ensure timely distribution and protect the people from price hikes during the festival. I urge the Honourable Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution to kindly intervene and issue the necessary directions at the earliest.