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TN to Sell Rice Through Cooperative

Chennai, 15 Oct 2026: With the price of fine-quality rice rising to Rs 7080 per kg from Rs 5060 in August, the Tamil Nadu Government is considering selling rice at Rs 4050 per kg through cooperative stores to provide relief to consumers facing rising household expenses. Officials from the Cooperation and Food Departments are holding discussions on procuring rice from the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other states for distribution through cooperative outlets at subsidised rates. The proposed move is aimed at easing the financial burden on households, particularly low- and middle income families, as rice accounts for a significant portion of their monthly grocery expenses.

The sharp increase in retail prices over the past two months has prompted the Government to explore alternative procurement and distribution arrangements to make the staple available at affordable rates. If implemented, the initiative would allow consumers to purchase rice through cooperative

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