

# **THE PUNJAB COMMODITIES PRICE MARKING AND DISPLAY ORDER**

**,1992**

**PUNJAB GOVERNMENT  
FOOD AND SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT**

**The 28<sup>th</sup>, October, 1972**

## **ORDER**

No. G.S.R. 90/C.A. 10/55/S./ 3/72 Whereas the state Government is of the opinion that it is necessary so to do for securing the equitable distribution and availability of articles at fair prices. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3 of the Essential commodities Act, 1955, read with Government of India, Ministry of Agriculture, (Department of Food), Order No. G.S.R. 316 (E) dated the 20<sup>th</sup> June, 1972 and the Government of India, Ministry of Commerce, Order S.O. No. 1844, dated the 18<sup>th</sup> June, 1966, the Governor of Punjab is pleased to make the following order, namely :-

### **1. Short title, extent and commencement:-**

- (1) This order may be called the state of Punjab Commodities Price Marking and Display Order, 1972.
- (2) It extends to whole of the State of Punjab.
- (3) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the official Gazette.

### **2. Definition:-** In the Order :

- (a) "Commodity" means any article or thing specified in column 3 of the schedule 1;
- (b) "dealer" means a person who carries on the wholesale or retail business of selling or storing for sale any commodity whether or not such business is carried on in addition to any other business;
- (c) "Director" means the Director of Food & Supplies, Punjab and include the Joint Director, Deputy Director and Assistant Director of Food & Supplies, Punjab and within the area of his jurisdiction, the District Magistrate, Ist class, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, District Food and Supplies controller, District Food and Supplies Officer, Assistant Food and Supplies Officer and Inspector, Food & Supplies;
- (d) "list of prices" means the list maintained from time to time by a dealer in the form prescribed in the Schedule indicating the prices of the commodities specified in column 3 thereof in which the dealer carries on business;
- (e) "Price" in relation to a commodity, means the amount of money, for which the dealer sells or parts with, or agrees to sell or part with, or offers to sell or

part with, that commodity or any variety or quality thereof, but does not include any tax payable under any law for the time being in force in respect of such commodity; and;

(f) “schedule” means a schedule appended to this order.

3. Every dealer shall, not later than fifteen days from the commencement of this order in respect of the commodities specified in column 3 of the schedule, display conspicuously in the form prescribed the schedule during the hours of business at the place as near to the entrance of his business premises as possible a list of prices in Gurmukhi script;

Provided that the form of numerals to be use shall be the international form of Indian numerals;

Provided further that in the case of commodity which is added to Schedule at any time after the commencement of this order, the period of fifteen days shall be counted from the date on which such commodity is added to the schedule;

Provided further that in the case of any commodity which is out stock, instead of writing the price thereof in the list, the words “OUT OF STOCK” shall be written in the bold letters against that commodity.

4. The list of prices mentioned in clause 3 shall be signed and dated by the dealers stating there under the capacity in which he has signed the list, i.e. whether he is a proprietor, partner, or manager of the firm. The name of the firm shall also be shown on the list.
5. (1) The State Government or the Director if so authorised in writing by the State Government, may in respect of any commodity, issue directions to any dealer or class of dealers that such commodity shall to sold by him in such quantity or number, subject to such conditions, after such intervals and in such manner as may be specified in such directions.  
(2) On and from the receipt of such directions the dealer shall be bound to comply with such direction.

6. No dealer shall :-

- (a) Sell to any person any commodity at a price higher than the price specified in respect of such commodities in the list of prices or
- (b) Refuse to sell such commodity to any person at the price specified;

Provided that nothing in sub-clause(b) shall apply to a dealer who has acted in compliance with any directions issued under clause 5.

7. For ensuring that the provisions of this order are being complied with by the dealer, the Director shall have the power to :-
- (i) enter the business premises of any dealer during business hours to inspect the list of price;
  - (ii) Require any dealer or any person carrying on business on sale behalf to give a copy of the list of prices or any other information in his possession in respect of the business and the dealer or such person as the case may be shall give the copy of the list of prices or other information as required of him;
  - (iii) Inspect or cause to be inspected any book, document or any stock of articles belonging to or under the control of any dealer or person acting on his behalf and take such book, document or stock in possession; and
  - (iv) Search any premises or place and seize any article in respect which he suspects that any provisions of this order has been or is being or is about to be contravened.
8. The Punjab commodities, price Marking and Display order, 1971, issued under the Defense of India Rules, 1971, is hereby repealed;
- Provided that such repeal shall not affect :-
- (a) The previous operation of, or anything duly done or suffered; or
  - (b) any obligation or liability accrued incurred; or
  - (c) any penalty or punishment incurred in respect of any offence, or
  - (d) any legal proceeding in respect of any such obligation, liability penalty or punishment as aforesaid,

Under the order so repealed and any such legal proceeding may be instituted, continued or enforced any such penalty or punishment may be imposed as if this had not been repealed.

## SCHEDULE - I

(See Clause 2 (a) and (3))

Commodities in respect of which list of prices is to be displayed.

Sr.No.	Class of Commodities	Name of commodity	Quality if any	Unit of price
1.	Food Stuffs, including edible oil-seeds and oils.	(i) wheat (ii) Chakki wheat flour (iii) Mill wheat flour (iv) Maida (v) Suji (vi) Rice Basmati superior Rice Basmati Ordinary (vii) Rice Parmal (viii) Gram/Gram Dal (ix) Pulses (x) Sugar (with Mill quality) (xi) Vegetable ghee (With Mill quality or Mark) (xii) Baby Food (xiii) Salt (xiv) Edible oil viz. Mustard oil, ground nut oil, cotton seed oil and rape seed oil		
2.	Petroleum and Petroleum Products	(i) Kerosene Oil (ii) Light Diesel oil and High speed diesel oil		
3.	Coal including coke and other Derivations	(i) Sortcoke		
4.	General	(i) Cement (ii) Tyres and Tubes of Cycles. Cycle rickshaw, Scooter, Scooter Rickshaw, Motor Cycle, Buses, Tractors, Cars, Jeeps and Trucks. (iii) Soda Ash. (iv) Cells of torch and transistor (v) Methylated spirit		

- (vi) Toilet soap
- (vii) Washing soap
- (viii) Safety Matches
- (ix) Paper
- (x) Cooked food dishes and preparation of meals served by catering establishments.

Note (i) Price shall be specified separately in respect of different kinds, qualities, varieties or types of commodities.

Note (ii) Where any commodity of any kind, quality, variety or type thereof is sold in tins, bottles, packages or in loose form, price shall be specified separately per tin, bottle, package or weight, as the case may be.

Note (iii) In column 5, the unit of price in respect of different kinds, qualities, varieties or types of each commodities shall be specified in terms of weight, quantity, number, packet, package, bottle, tin, drum, or of any other unit in which prices are generally quoted.

Illustration :- The price of sugar may be specified per kilogram and oil kerosene oil per bottle or per tin of specified capacity measured in terms of millilitres or litres.

Note :- List of prices shall be printed, typed or written with ink.