STATE TRADING CORPORATION

COMMUNIQUÉ TO THE PUBLIC

LONG GRAIN WHITE RICE (LGWR/Ration Rice) – MANAGEMENT OF AVAILABLE STOCKS

The State Trading Corporation (STC) wishes to inform the public that there has not been any alteration in the procurement process of Long Grain White Rice (LGWR/Ration Rice) at the level of the Corporation. STC usually procures around 8000MT of LGWR on a quarterly basis.

However, due to the current geopolitical situation in the Middle East and Gulf region, several vessels carrying stocks of LGWR have been delayed due to unavailability of container space, additional transhipment waits and re-routing of traditional feeder routes, adding to the standard lead time for the commodity to reach Mauritius.

The STC is currently exploring and evaluating all viable mechanisms to ensure a seamless distribution of Long Grain White Rice (LGWR) across the country. Amongst its strategies, the Corporation is closely monitoring its current strategic stock to guarantee that daily delivery reaches all consumers diligently. **An average of 12,000 bags of 2.5kg is being put on the market for sale on a daily basis**.

Additionally, the STC has set up:

(i) A dedicated phone line to register all complaints related to non-availability of LGWR/Ration Rice and

(ii) A direct sales unit to ensure distribution in shops and retail stores across the island, covering mostly remote areas.

*Members of the public can call on **59443434** between 9 am to 4 pm during weekdays to register their complaint. Our team will work to resolve the issue as swiftly as possible.*

The STC once again reassure the public that it stands guided by its primary mission which is to ensure a proper and timely distribution of basic commodities to the population but also appeals to the understanding and cooperation of the population in view of disruptions beyond its control.

The Management
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