

**THE ASSAM FOOD (RESTRICTIONS ON SERVICE OF
MEALS BY CATERING ESTABLISHMENTS) ORDER,
1966**

1. (1) This Order may be called the Assam Food (Restrictions on Service of Meals by Catering Establishments) Order, 1966.
- (2) It extends to the whole of Assam.
- (3) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

COMMENTS

This Order has been made in exercise of the powers conferred under S.3 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 (10 of 1955) read with the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Department of Food) No. GSR 883, dated 28 June, 1961, by the Governor of Assam.

- 2.** In the Order unless the context otherwise requires-
- (a) “catering establishment” includes a hotel, restaurant, eating house, coffee-stall, free feeding centre club, boarding house, canteen, railway refreshment room or restaurant car and any other place of refreshment open to the public;
 - (b) “substantial dish” means a dish described as such in the Schedule to this Order;
 - (c) “subsidiary dish” means a dish described as such in the Schedule to this Order;
 - (d) “cereal” means and includes rice, wheat, maize and Bajra and products thereof.
- 3.** (1) No proprietor or other person in charge of a catering establishment shall supply for consumption or offer or attempt to supply for consumption, and no person shall obtain or consume or attempt to obtain or consume, at a catering establishment at or for the purposes of a meal more than two courses, whether served successively in European style or together in Indian style. The two courses shall consist of-
- (i) one substantial dish and one subsidiary dish; or

(ii) two subsidiary dishes.

(2) No proprietor or other person-in-charge of a catering establishment shall keep open such catering establishment for supply of any foodstuffs containing cereal after 3 p.m. on every Monday.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in Cl.3, the following may be supplied by any proprietor or any person-in-charge of a catering establishment as part of a meal in addition to two courses, namely:

soup, bread, biscuits, jam, marmalade, fruit, including iced fruit, or vegetable juices, bhajji, papad, chatni, pickles, raita preserves, onions celery, ghee, butter, cream, curd, cheese butter-milk, sauce, custard dressings, and such other condiments.

5. Power of entry, search, seizure, etc.

(1) For the effective enforcement of provisions of this Order, all supply officers not below the rank of the Sub-Inspector or a Police Officer of or above the rank of Sub-Inspector may, when he has reason to believe that a contravention of this Order had been, is being or is to be committed, enter and search any premises, interrogate any person and seize any article including

their coverings or containers in respect of which he has reason to believed that a contravention has been, is being, or is about to be committed.

- (2) The provisions of Ss. 102 and 103 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898 (5 of 1898) shall, so far as may be, apply to searches and seizures under this clause.

THE SCHEDULE

1. European or Chinese type.

- (a) A substantial dish shall be one consisting mainly of (1) fish, or (2) meat or (3) poultry, or (4) game, or (5) curry and rice, or (6) pulao, or (7) hors d'oeuvres consisting of more than three items or of a combination of any of them which in the normal practice is served at the same time as part of the same dish.

Note. In all cases, salad or not more than two vegetables may be served as part of the dish.

- (b) A subsidiary dish shall be any sweet dish or one consisting mainly of (1) vegetables, or (2) eggs, or (3) savouries, (4) macaroni or spaghetti, or (5) porridge, grapes or any other breakfast cereal food, or (6) hors d'oeuvres consisting of not more than three items.

II. Indian non-vegetarian type.

- (a) A substantial dish shall be one consisting mainly of either (1) meat, or (2) poultry, or (3) fish, or (4) biriyani or (5) curry or dal and rice, or (6) pulao, or of a combination of any of them which in the normal practice is served at the same time as part of the same dish.

Note. In all cases salad or not more than two vegetables may be served as part of the dish.

- (b) A subsidiary dish shall be any sweet dish or one consisting of either (1) chapattis, (2) parathas, or (3) puris, or (4) bhakarlis, or (5) eggs.

Note. In all cases not more than two vegetables may be served as part of the dish.

III. Indian vegetarian type.

- (a) A subsidiary dish shall be one consisting mainly of dal and rice.

- (b) A subsidiary dish shall be any sweet dish or one consisting of either (1) chapattis, or (2) puris, or (3) parathas, or (4) bhakarlis, or (5) thalpith.

Note. In all cases not more than two vegetable may be served as part of the dish.
