



OMS RESPIRE FOR THE POOR

Rising price of the staple food compelled the government to launch Open Market Sale or OMS of rice across the country for a subsidised price of Tk 24 a kilogram. The coarse rice sold on the OMS is a respite for the poorer section of the population who otherwise would have to pay up to Tk 35 for the same rice in retail market. OMS is particularly popular in the predominantly slum areas where housewives, day laborers, rickshaw pullers and beggars queue up for their share of the staple food at reasonable price. In the retail market, good quality of rice, usually consumed by the rich, could be as high as Tk 68 a kilogram.

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