

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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No. 24582 / Bhubaneswar dated the 14.12.16  
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From

Shri P. K. Mohapatra, IAS  
Principal Secretary to Government

To,

The Joint Secretary (P&FCI)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution  
Department of Food and Public Distribution  
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub: Extension of period for procurement of Kharif paddy till 30.4.2017 during KMS 2016-17 for Odisha.

Ref: Letter No.5(16)/2016-py.I dated 30.11.2016 of Under Secretary to Govt. of India

Sir,

With reference to the letter and subject cited above I am to say that during Kharif 2015 of KMS 2015-16 there was heavy rush in the arrival of paddy in mandies in the last week of March, 2016 which threw the system out of gear. The officials of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Societies which did the procurement at the front end were hardly equipped to manage the unusual rush at the last minute and this led to several complications in terms of maintenance of accounts/ inconvenience to farmers/ difficulties for administrative authorities of the districts/ law and order situations, etc.

For this reason Govt. of Odisha in FS & CW Department has requested vide letter No.22772 dated 19.11.2016 for extension of current period of Kharif paddy procurement from 1.11.2016 to 30.4.2017. The reasons for seeking extension are adumbrated below:-

1. Arrival of Kharif paddy in mandies or grain markets in our state shows a diverse pattern across regions. In western and southern districts paddy during Kharif season mostly arrives in the mandies from mid-November onwards as crop is harvested between October and November.

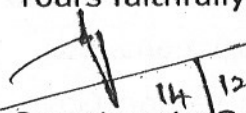
2. In coastal and northern districts the crop is harvested in December and January and paddy start arriving in mandies from January onwards. Procurement of paddy in these districts picks up from February first week. In real terms, farmers of late procuring districts are getting two months' time i.e., February and March which is not sufficient to facilitate smooth procurement of Kharif paddy.
3. The State Cabinet in its meeting on 6.10.2016, in appreciation of the regional differences in harvesting of paddy/ its arrival in the grain market, has authorised the undersigned to move Government of India to seek an extension of the period of procurement of Kharif paddy till **30.4.2017**. This would ensure a hassle-free procurement of Kharif paddy, especially in the coastal/northern districts of our State.

I would therefore request you to kindly take steps for according of approval of the Central Government to the proposal for extending period of procurement of Kharif paddy in Odisha till 30.4.2017 and communicate such approval to this Department at an early date.

The extension of procurement period would necessarily raise the need for extending period of delivery of CMR out of such paddy.

It is requested that the timeline for delivery of CMR out of Kharif paddy to Central Pool may also be extended by a month i.e. till **31.7.2017**.

Yours faithfully,

  
14/12/2016  
Principal Secretary to Government

Memo No. 24583 Dated 14.12.16

Copy forwarded to the General Manager, FCI, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

  
14.12.16  
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 24584 Dated 14.12.16

Copy forwarded to the Managing Director, OSCSC Ltd., Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

  
14.12.16  
Deputy Secretary to Govt.