

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. 1977 / Bhubaneswar dated the 31/1/18
FSCW-PL-PRC-0003-2017

From

Shri V. V. Yadav, IAS
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

To

All Collectors.

Sub: Checking private sale of paddy.

Madam/Sir,

It has come to the notice of Government that private traders are procuring paddy from farmers directly in some parts of the State. In this connection, it may also be mentioned that at present there is no restriction on free trade in paddy/ rice in our State.

The Government has no objection on purchase of paddy by anyone as long as Minimum Support Price(MSP) is paid to the farmers.

Para 14.6 of Food and Procurement Policy for KMS 2017-18 stipulates that appropriate safeguards should be taken to ensure the payment of MSP to farmers by dealers at the time of purchase. Further, appropriate supporting documents for payment of market fees and any other statutory dues should be kept on record and produced on demand by competent authorities.

It is, therefore, necessary that random checks should be conducted on vehicles used by private traders engaged in procurement of paddy from farmers in the open market in order to prevent distress sale and to protect farmers.

It is, therefore, requested to take appropriate steps through civil supplies executive staff as well as officers entrusted to supervise procurement operations to achieve the aforesaid objective.

Further kindly furnish regular reports on action taken pursuant to these directions.

This may be treated as extremely **URGENT**.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 1978 date. 31/1/18.

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Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 1979 date. 31/1/18.

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Memo No. 1980 Dated 31/1/18.

Copy forwarded to all Revenue Divisional Commissioners for information and necessary action.

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Joint Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 1981 date. 31/1/18.

Copy forwarded to General Manager, Food Corporation of India, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Copy forwarded to Registrar, Co-operative Societies, Odisha, Bhubaneswar / Managing Director, OSCSC Ltd., Bhubaneswar / M.D., TDCC, Bhubaneswar/ M.D., MARKFED, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 1983 date. 31/1/18.

Copy forwarded to Director, Agricultural Marketing, Bhubaneswar/ Member Secretary OSAM Board, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

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Memo No. 1984 date. 31/1/18.

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