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From

Shri V. V. Yadav, I.A.S.,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

To

All Collectors

Sub: **Food and Procurement Policy for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21.**

Madam/Sir,

I am to enclose herewith the Food & Procurement Policy for the Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21.

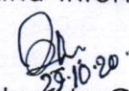
Government have been pleased to direct implementation of the said policy with immediate effect.

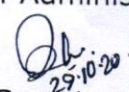
It is, therefore, requested to implement the above policy for ensuring smooth paddy/ rice procurement operations in the current KMS 2020-21.

Yours faithfully,


Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. 13770 /FS &CW., Bhubaneswar, Dated 29.09.20
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CABINET

Sub: Food and Procurement Policy for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS)
2020-21

1. **Objectives:**

Paddy procurement plays a critical role in Odisha's rural economy. The State Government procured last year (in Kharif Marketing Season 2019-20) 70.56 lakh MT of paddy (equivalent to roughly 47.78 lakh MT in terms of rice) which is a record in itself. Odisha is among the top rice-surplus States in the country. The State is not only able to meet its requirement under National Food Security Act, State Food Security Scheme and Other Welfare Schemes but also delivers substantial quantum to the Central Pool through the Food Corporation of India (FCI), helping to meet food grain needs of deficit States in the country. The objectives of the Food and Procurement Policy are:

- To ensure payment of Minimum Support Price (MSP) to the farmers for paddy of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) which they bring to the Paddy Purchase Centres (PPCs) for sale.
- To ensure timely milling of procured paddy with effective and efficient use of available rice milling capacity through Custom Milling (CM) route and timely delivery of rice by the millers to Food Corporation of India (FCI) Depots and Rice Receiving Centres (RRCs) of Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (OSCSC).

- To ensure timely availability of rice for Public Distribution System (PDS) across the State through efficient utilization of available storage godowns and prudent movement of stocks.

- 2.1 **Expected Outcomes:** The Food and Procurement Policy will have the following outcomes:
- 2.2 Farmers would be able to sell their paddy as close as possible by locating good number of Paddy Purchase Centres (**PPCs**) to be operated by PACS/ LAMPCS /WSHGs /Pani Panchayats (to be referred as societies, in short). The District Administration would tag the PPCs (and societies) with clear delineated areas so as to cover all villages in the State well in advance for farmers to register and sell their paddy.
- 2.3 Farmers are made aware of the FAQ norms so that they bring in paddy of the specified quality to the PPCs and get Minimum Support Price (MSP) for their paddy.
- 2.4 PPCs/ RMCs would have adequate facility to handle and clean the non FAQ paddy at the cost of farmers.
- 2.5 Payment for paddy purchased from farmers by the State procuring agencies or their authorized societies is made through direct transfer to the bank accounts of the farmers by electronic mode.
- 2.6 Paddy allocated/ issued to Rice Mills from PPCs is proportional to the capacity of the mill, security amount deposited by Mill owners and also their past performance.
- 2.7 Paddy will be purchased from farmers who register themselves for the purpose with their nearest societies before the start of procurement operations in Kharif/Rabi season. Farmers who are willing to sell their surplus paddy through societies shall have to submit their personal/ land/ bank account details through a pre-designed registration form to their respective societies. The societies shall digitize the registration forms, and upload the details in the

Farmer Registration portal of the website www.foododisha.in of FS & CW Department within the prescribed time schedule. **The procuring societies shall endeavour to bring more and more farmers into the procurement fold so that they receive the benefit of MSP.**

- 2.8 Rice Mills(mills, in short), selected for custom milling, shall be tagged to the PPCs/ societies by the District Administration to ensure that the estimated procurement target of a society takes care of the surplus paddy assessed as per Farmer Registration portal/module in *www.foododisha.in*. It is also to be ensured that the overall target of the district is covered either by the local millers or in combination with outside district millers.
- 2.9 The receipt of paddy by custom millers from PPCs and delivery of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) thereof to **RRCs/ FCI** shall be monitored on real time basis through web based applications.
- 2.10 As far as possible, tagging of Mills to PPCs and Mills to RRCs shall be made on the basis of distance from the mill, capacity of the RRC and requirement of rice for PDS in the area apart from mill capacity for minimizing overall cost of transportation from paddy receipt to rice delivery for PDS.
- 2.11 The process shall be made transparent, efficient and accountable by use of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) at various stages of paddy/ rice procurement operations.
- 3.1 **Farmer Registration:** All procuring societies are to digitize, by the prescribed timeline, the farmer registration forms (containing personal details of the farmer and his/her plot-wise land details) through a web based application called 'Farmer Registration' system under their login and secure password. Farmers are expected to submit their registration forms to their societies concerned (with a view to selling paddy to Government) by the timeline fixed by FS & CW Department. All farmers should be encouraged to register their

land details through the pre-designed registration form. The authenticity of land details shall be verified in terms of modalities to be prescribed by FS & CW Department.

- 3.2 All farmers have to provide identity proof in terms of Aadhaar for the purpose of registration. Any farmer who does not have an Aadhaar card shall furnish an Aadhaar Enrolment Number as proof of having applied for the card from UIDAI.
- 3.3 The FS & CW Department will finalise the per acre yield of paddy for both irrigated land and non-irrigated land for Kharif/ Rabi season and update it in the Farmer Registration system at State level before the start of the procurement season. Paddy shall be procured from registered farmers as per yield rate so finalized. There shall be no deduction towards personal consumption from the marketable surplus of farmers.
- 3.4 Society wise Farmers' Paddy Assessment & Procurement Register would be generated indicating the marketable surplus in respect of each registered farmer (arranged alphabetically from ଥ to ଞ in Odia) along with details regarding their ID, bank account and mobile phone number. This register will indicate the target for the society which would be the total of marketable surplus of all farmers registered under the society. There would be no imposition on farmers to keep aside a certain portion of the produce for personal consumption needs of their families. In other words, a registered farmer can sell all his/ her surplus to Government at approved yield rates.
- 3.5 **Per acre yield:** The per acre yield of paddy in rainfed and irrigated areas for procurement targets is to be fixed as per realistic estimates of yield by Agriculture and FE Department and current year's crop condition. However, the per acre yield rate for a common command area (irrigated land) would be fixed consistently across the command area which may cut across districts.

- 3.6 This information is very crucial as it is to be used while calculating surplus paddy of an individual farmer and assessing the surplus paddy available under a society. All the information regarding **per acre yield** has to be finalized well before the start of the procurement season so that same is incorporated in the Farmer Registration system to enable generation of Master Farmer register for each procuring society.
- 3.7 **District wise Targets:** The paddy procurement target of a district would be the total of surplus of all participating societies in the district. This would be generated online based on the verified and updated database of farmer registration. FS & CW Department will finalize the district wise procurement targets based on the updated database as mentioned above in such a manner so as to achieve the overall procurement target.
- 3.8 **Overall Target:** Having regard to overall agricultural production, requirement of foodgrains for National Food Security Act, State Food Security Scheme and other Welfare Schemes and the trend of procurement in past few years, the procurement target is fixed at 48 lakh MT in terms of rice (equivalent to, roughly, 71 lakh MTs in terms of paddy) for the Kharif Marketing Season 2020-21 for procuring paddy/rice through State Government agencies. Season-wise break up of this target would be 37 lakh MT in terms of rice (equivalent to 54 lakh MT of paddy) in Kharif and 11 lakh MT in terms of rice (equivalent to 17 lakh MT of paddy) in Rabi. There is no bar on procurement of any higher quantum if more paddy comes to PPCs/*mandies* from registered farmers.
- 3.9 Minister, FS & CW is authorized to modify the overall target as per the need.
- 4.1 **The Decentralized Procurement Scheme (DCP):** Odisha has accepted the DCP scheme proposed by Government of India since KMS 2003-04. Under the scheme, the State Government, through

OSCSC and other State procuring agencies (wherever necessary), procure paddy, mill it through custom millers and utilize the milled rice to meet the needs under NFSA, SFSS, MDM, SNP & other Welfare Schemes. The role of FCI has been reduced to accepting surplus rice from the State and evacuating it to outside consuming States. It is also responsible to bring in wheat required for PDS to the State. The MoU between Government of India and Government of Odisha for DCP operations was last renewed in October, 2015.

- 4.2 **Procurement by Agencies of State Government:** OSCSC will procure paddy, with the help of societies (PACS/ LAMPCS/ WSHGs/ Pani Panchayats), as per FAQ specifications laid down by the Government of India and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the FS & CW Department from time to time. It would be up to the FS & CW Department to consider participation of other State procuring agencies, if need arises, in procurement of paddy in rice-surplus districts only. At present, OSCSC is fully equipped to conduct paddy procurement operations throughout the state. One society shall procure for one State agency only. The assigning of a society or societies to a State agency shall be done on the orders of Collector.
- 4.3 **Procurement by FCI:** The main activity of FCI in the State at present is to receive surplus CMR from the State Government and evacuate it to deficit States so that space is created to receive CMR on regular basis.
- 4.4 **Requirement of rice for the State:** At present, Odisha requires about 23 lakh MT of rice annually to meet its requirement under NFSA, MDM, SNP, State Food Security Scheme and other Welfare Schemes. Balance surplus rice proposed to be procured in KMS 2020-21 shall be delivered to FCI.
- 4.5 **State Pool:** There shall be a State Pool to meet the requirement of food grains under the State Food Security Scheme and to meet shortfall in allocations by Central Government for welfare schemes.

OSCSC shall procure food grains under State Pool and maintain separate accounts.

4.6 **Prudent movement of food grains:** OSCSC shall transport rice from surplus districts to deficit ones to meet the requirement under PDS as well as for optimum utilization of storage space. The transportation of rice from surplus districts to deficit ones and to or from storage depots shall be made in accordance with a prudent movement plan to be chalked out by OSCSC in consultation with FCI authorities. Least cost method shall be the governing principle underlying all movements of food grains to or from storage depots and from one district to another.

5.1 **Minimum Support Price of paddy, specification of FAQ paddy and procurement period:** The Government of India has announced the following Minimum Support Price (MSP) for different varieties of paddy conforming to Fair Average Quality (FAQ) for KMS 2020-21:

- (i) Common : Rs.1868/- per quintal
- (ii) Grade "A" : Rs.1888/- per quintal

5.2 Paddy/rice shall be in sound merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, of good food value, uniform in colour and size of grains and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, *Argemone Mexicana*, *Lathyrus sativus* (Khesari) and admixture of deleterious substances.

5.3 The detailed quality specifications of paddy and rice as laid down by Government of India for KMS 2020-21 shall be applicable in the State. Payment of MSP is applicable only for paddy of Fair Average Quality and sale of non-FAQ paddy below the MSP will not amount to distress sale.

5.4 In case of any natural calamity like unseasonal rains which causes discoloration, paddy under relaxed specifications (URS) (as and when approved by Government of India) may be accepted by the State

Government and the resultant rice of such URS paddy may be used as per directions of Government of India .

- 5.5 **Procurement Period:** Paddy (Kharif Crop) will be procured within the period from 1.11.2020 to 31.3.2021. Paddy (Rabi Crop) will be procured within the period from 1.5.2021 to 30.6.2021. Districts will schedule their procurement period within these broad timelines. The last date for delivery of CMR of paddy (Kharif/ Rabi Crop) will be as per the timelines fixed by Government of India. However, considering factors that call for early recovery of CMR from custom millers, FS & CW Department is authorized to reschedule such timeline for delivery of CMR.
- 6.1 **State Level Procurement Committee (SLPC):** The State Level Procurement Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to Government shall review arrangements for paddy procurement operations at the beginning of each Kharif/ Rabi procurement season. Further, it shall review status of procurement of paddy and delivery of rice by OSCSC/ any other State procuring agency in respect of previous_season and issue suitable instructions for the guidance of all stakeholders for smooth procurement operations.
- 6.2 **District Level Procurement Committee (DLPC):** District Level Procurement Committee has been constituted in each district under the chairmanship of respective Collector. Hon'ble MP(s) of the District, all Hon'ble MLAs of the District and Zilla Parishad President shall be its members. PD, DRDA, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Sub-Collectors, Chief Civil Supplies Officer/ Civil Supplies Officer(CSO), DRCS, Secretary of DCCB, DSWO, EE (Irrigation), Secretaries of RMCs, representatives of State procuring agencies and such other persons/ officials as decided by Government in FS & CW Department would be its members. The DLPC is expected to meet in the month of October (for early procuring districts) or November (for late procuring

districts) for Kharif season and in April for Rabi season to finalise the start of procurement date, number and names of the societies and location of PPC(s), fix number of PPC/ *mandi* days for each PPC/ *mandi*, review the preparations for procurement in the district and take decisions in any matter relating to procurement not specified in this policy for improving the procurement operations.

6.3 Society Level Procurement Committee (SoLPC): A Society Level Procurement Committee shall be constituted for each PACS with its Secretary as the convener. The local R.I., VAW, three to six farmers of the area, EOs of GPs (within the jurisdiction of PACS) shall be members of this committee. Elected President of the PACS or a farmer member nominated by the committee members shall be president of the SoLPC. However, question of nomination will not arise during the continuation of the elected President of the PACS. **BDO** of the Block under which the PACS is located shall notify the committee. A panel of names of farmers covering all villages shall be given, through Co-operation Extension Officer of the Block by the PACS to the BDO to choose three to six (at the maximum) farmers for the committee. The names shall be so chosen as to represent at least one farmer from area covered by each PPC. This exercise would be completed by all BDOs by mid October. The above guidelines will also apply to LAMPCS.

Wherever WSHGs or Pani Panchayats are engaged in paddy procurement, DSWO/ E.E., LI shall take steps to ensure that SoLPCs are formed in respect of those procuring societies.

6.4 The Society Level Procurement Committee (SoLPC) shall be in overall charge of procurement of paddy in the society. It will use the data from Farmer Registration portal to fix the number of days required to receive the marketable surplus of all the farmers registered with the society. It will supervise the preparation of advance action plan, notify the list of farmers as received from State headquarters in

online mode to enable them to sell paddy on each date at least 7 days in advance, monitor the actual procurement and transfer of paddy to the assigned rice mills.

- 7.1 **Societies: Role/ responsibility/ jurisdiction/ selection:** Societies shall procure paddy from registered farmers and ensure that payment of farmers' dues is facilitated within 24 to 48 hours of procurement. Further, the society will take steps to ensure that actual tillers including sharecroppers, small and marginal farmers are able to sell their paddy at the beginning of the procurement season. It will create awareness among farmers about FAQ norms and ensure that dry and clean paddy comes to the *mandi* or PPC. The society shall submit **advance action plan** to Collector through BDO for successful conduct of procurement by it.
- 7.2 Each society shall register its details online, including mobile phone number of the Secretary, on the Department's website www.foododisha.in. Those societies which have already registered may update their current status.
- 7.3 The jurisdictional area shall be delineated clearly among societies so as to cover all areas and to avoid confusion among farmers. This should be well publicized among farmers of the area so that they know the location of the PPC/ *mandi* to bring their surplus paddy for procurement. It is a fact that nearly entire rural Odisha has been covered by PACS/ LAMPCS which have clear cut demarcation. This demarcation may be followed for delineation of jurisdiction among societies. This exercise has been done in previous years before procurement and only changes in jurisdiction, if any, may be notified.
- 7.4 The District Collector with the assistance of Chief C.S.O./ CSO-cum-District Manager, DRCS/ ARCS, DSWO, Deputy Director, Agriculture/ DAO, Executive Engineer, Lift Irrigation and any other officer considered suitable by him shall prepare and finalize a list of **societies** which will participate in paddy procurement operations as

agents of OSCSC/ other State procuring agencies. Currently, PACS/ LAMPCS have been playing a dominant role in paddy procurement operations. However, districts may encourage Women SHGs to come into play in such operations. Where PACS/ LAMPCS have failed to perform their assigned role or where it is felt WSHGs shall deliver the service more efficiently or where it is necessary to extend the outreach of procurement operations through WSHGs, District Collector may assign them to procure paddy from registered farmers in specified Gram Panchayat(s) or villages thereof.

- 8.1 Registration of actual tillers including sharecroppers, small and marginal farmers:** FS & CW Department and Co-operation Department shall create enabling conditions for entry of more actual tillers of soil including sharecroppers, small and marginal farmers into the government procurement fold.
- 8.2 In order to ease the difficulty of registration of sharecroppers, they may be allowed to be registered even when they are unable to show consent letters from landowners. However, they will be permitted to sell their marketable surplus subject to verification of their claims through District Agriculture Officers or Tehsildars.
- 9.1 Paddy Procurement Automation System (P-PAS):** Farmer Registration system will help in generating various registers and documents required in connection with procurement operations. OSCSC and its commission agents (societies) shall conduct procurement operations by using the common platform provided by P-PAS. P-PAS uses the output of Farmer Registration system such as verified land details and bank account details along with quantum of surplus paddy available with each farmer of the society. All payments to farmers under P-PAS are done electronically and transferred directly to the accounts of farmers. Societies will have the responsibility to keep ready their computers, printers, internet connectivity and inverters for smooth operation of P-PAS.

9.2 Depending on the availability of stable internet connectivity in societies, FS & CW Department shall conduct procurement operations on real time online basis. The Co-operation Department shall provide list of societies with stable net connectivity.

10.1 **Getting PPCs ready:** Each of the society selected by District Administration shall have one or more designated place(s) of business for purchasing paddy to be called Paddy Purchase Centre (**PPC**) or *mandi* where minimum infrastructural facility as detailed in **Annexure-I** shall be made available. The respective RMCs and societies themselves will be responsible for making these facilities available. An action plan for each society is to be prepared by the District Administration incorporating the steps described hereinafter.

10.2 District Administration shall declare the existing Market Yards located in procurement areas belonging to Regulated Market Committees (RMCs) as PPCs/ *mandies*. RMCs will declare the designated places of business of the societies as Additional Market Yards as per provisions of OAPM Act/ Rules. In heavy procurement blocks, **temporary market yards** with minimum facilities (as mentioned in **Annexure-I**) would be set up by the RMCs concerned to help societies operate PPCs.

10.3 The RMC Market yards can be allotted to two to three societies to enable them to procure paddy from farmers of their jurisdiction as market yards have better facilities for weighing and storing. Such market yards would be the second or third purchase centre (PPC/ *mandi*) for the society apart from their headquarters. Such facility may only be extended to those societies which have adequate manpower to man more than one PPC. In such cases, adequate publicity needs to be given in villages concerned which are tagged to different PPCs of the society.

10.4 Collectors will assess the requirement of **equipment** at market yards/ PPCs for carrying out procurement operations. The purchase

orders for these may be placed at the District level and funds shall be provided by the concerned RMCs. It shall be ensured that all PPCs have the necessary infrastructure in place before the start of procurement operations.

10.5 Most societies do not have any facility for storing paddy. Each society is expected to make arrangements to store paddy for a minimum of up to three days of procurement. This is necessary to ensure proper planning on part of the miller to organize adequate number of vehicles and also to ensure that society functionaries can concentrate on procurement. Therefore, where the societies do not have storage facility, they are to plan temporary storage facility with sufficient polythene/ tarpaulin.

11.1 **Regulating arrival of paddy at PPCs:** Registered farmers who provide their contact numbers will be intimated with advance tokens through SMS about the date of purchase, **at least seven days in advance** so far as practicable. Those registered farmers who do not provide their mobile number have to check with the society office where a system generated schedule for delivery of paddy on each procurement day during the season would be available. Accordingly, they will bring the stipulated quantity to the PPC on the scheduled date. This would be done so as to stop crowding at the *mandies* in COVID time and to assure all farmers that all their marketable surplus shall be procured by the society during the procurement period.

11.2 Collectors may assign various days of a week to PPCs for operation of *mandies* subject to a minimum of three days.

11.3 **Quality Check of paddy brought to PPCs:** Upon arrival of paddy at the PPC/ *mandi*, society/RMC officials will conduct sample testing of paddy to see if it conforms to the FAQ norms. If it does so, paddy will be purchased and payment made to the farmer within 24 to 48 hours. It may be noted that RMCs would provide temporary Quality

Analysts and all necessary equipment for each *mandi*/ PPC for facilitating purchase during the procurement period. The Quality Analysts may be recruited on outsourcing basis and trained beforehand by RMCs.

11.4 If paddy does not conform to the FAQ norm, a farmer will have two options. One option for the farmer is to take back the paddy, improve its quality and bring it back on another date to the PPC for sale. Second option would be to get the quality improved at the RMC. For this, as far as possible adequate space and facility for cleaning should be created. They may engage WSHGs or private entrepreneurs with power cleaners to provide paddy cleaning services. Farmers may avail this facility on payment basis.

11.5 Sale of paddy shall be effected through proper biometric identification of farmers. To facilitate such identification necessary equipment are to be provided by FS & CW Department.

12. **Training:** OSCSC shall be the nodal agency for the purpose of training to society and other officials connected with procurement process. It shall train district level Master Trainers at Revenue Divisional Headquarters with special emphasis on P-PAS. Video-conferencing facility may also be made use of for such training during Covid times. These Master Trainers shall train society officials and others at the sub-district/ block level. Training should be completed well before the actual commencement of the procurement season.

13.1 **Payment of MSP:** OSCSC (/ other State procuring agencies) **shall pay the Minimum Support Price (MSP)** fixed for KMS 2020-21 for the FAQ paddy procured by them from registered farmers through societies. *Purchase of FAQ paddy at prices below the Minimum Support Price will be punishable under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.*

13.2 Payment of total cost of paddy sold to societies is to be made to farmers, **through online mode** within 24 to 48 hours of purchase to

the bank accounts of farmers. Action is to be taken by Collectors against procuring societies who do not facilitate payment of the cost of paddy within the prescribed period.

13.3 In exigencies of failure of online mechanism such payment will be made by way of direct transfer of MSP dues to the farmers' accounts.

13.4 In case of OSCSC, Collector of the district shall allocate targets to societies. Only in case of emergencies, the OSCSC shall be allowed by FS & CW Department to procure paddy directly from farmers.

14.1 **IEC activities:** FS & CW Department and the OSCSC will plan, guide and execute IEC campaign for successful implementation of Farmer Registration and paddy procurement programmes. There shall be awareness campaign for FAQ norms and MSP for paddy.

Wherever FS & CW Department or OSCSC incurs any expenditure on such IEC programmes, such cost shall be borne out of market fees payable to RMCs.

14.2 PACS/ LAMPCS, Women Self Help Groups (WSHGs) and Pani Panchayats (PPs) involved in paddy procurement in past years would be actively involved in the IEC campaign in their areas of operation.

15.1 **Assigning millers to PPCs/ mandies:** Collectors shall assign eligible Rice Mills to PPC/ *mandi* taking into consideration milling capacity, storage capacity, its distance from the PPC, past performance, amount of security deposit etc. and the surplus paddy available at the PPC/ *mandi*. The tagging of mills to PPCs shall be done in such a manner that minimum expenditure is incurred on transportation. Every Miller shall register his/her Rice Mill **online** on the website of the FS & CW Department **www.foododisha.in** and get it verified and updated through Chief CSO/ CSO-cum-DM of his/ her district in the database. Those millers that had registered in KMS 2019-20 may update, by the first week of October, 2020, those fields where there has been any change during past year. Online

Registration of rice mills is a pre-requisite for participation in the procurement operations for KMS 2020-21.

15.2 Agreement with Millers: No rice miller who is yet to complete the delivery of CMR of last KMS or has any outstanding dues to be paid to a State Government agency on account of CMR delivery of any previous procurement season shall be allowed to participate in the procurement operation in KMS 2020-21. Rice millers shall sign an agreement with the State agency and undertake custom milling of paddy delivered to them for milling into rice as per the agreed terms and conditions and at the rates and norms fixed by such agency. After signing of agreement, the mill will be engaged in procurement operations by tagging it to PPCs/ *mandies* for paddy procurement and to RRCs/ FCI godowns for delivery of custom milled rice. The information will be updated in the system at the district level. The miller or his/her representative shall remain present on the procurement days at the PPCs/ *mandies* and shall ensure lifting of the paddy on regular basis to avoid stockpiling of paddy at PPCs.

15.3 Concurrent receipt of paddy & milling thereof by Custom Millers: Custom millers shall ensure that receipt of paddy and milling thereof go on as a concurrent exercise and they shall deliver CMR from the first month of receipt of paddy and months thereafter as per ratio to be fixed by the State agency taking into consideration their milling capacity. In no case paddy shall remain unmilled beyond the period agreed upon between the miller and the State agency and violation of the agreed conditions by the miller shall be a disqualification for further participation in procurement operations.

15.4 Authorized Officer: There shall be an Authorized Officer who will be in charge of the rice mill, participating as a Custom Miller. The Authorized Officer shall be appointed by Collector from Civil Supplies executive staff. The Authorized officer shall ensure that custody and maintenance of paddy on behalf of OSCSC/ other State agency is

done properly. He shall also conduct periodical verification of stock of paddy/ rice on the premises of the rice mill. The Authorised Officer shall verify the paddy purchased, paddy received, CMR milling, CMR delivery by the miller at specified periodic intervals (usually every week) and submit a **Verification Report** to the CSO-cum-DM of the district on being satisfied that the **CMR** has actually been produced from the paddy received from the State agency.

15.5 Delivery Certificate (DC) Module: On the basis of the Verification Report (VR) made by the Authorized Officer in-charge of the mill, the Delivery Certificate (DC) shall be generated from the web based DC Module by the Chief CSO/ CSO-cum-DM in favour of the miller to enable him to deliver at designated depots of OSCSC or FCI.

15.6 Custom Milled Rice (CMR) of the other State procuring agencies will be delivered to FCI/ OSCSC depots on the basis of **Delivery Certificate (DC)** issued by the district representative of the State agency based on the Verification report of the Authorized officer of the mill. The Authorized Officer in charge of the mill shall verify the paddy stocks received from State agency and submit the verification report to the district representative of such agency for issue of Delivery Certificate.

15.7 Energy Bill verification: The energy bills of the mill shall be checked by the Authorized Officer on every visit to assess whether the mills have actually produced the specified quantity and variety of rice during the period. The bills should be cross checked with the electricity utility authorities to determine their genuineness on regular basis.

16.1 Supervision and monitoring: The Collector of the district shall make a fortnightly review of the paddy purchased, paddy delivered to custom millers and CMR received from them. It is very important that custom millers deliver 100% of CMR due from them to the OSCSC/

other State procuring agencies, if any, well before the deadline fixed for the purpose.

- 16.2 The Collector shall draw up a plan for detailed verification through Revenue Officers of at least 5% of the farmers who have sold more than 300 quintals of paddy in heavy procuring districts and more than 200 quintals in low procuring districts at PPCs during the KMS 2020-21.
- 16.3 The Collector and the OSCSC shall finalize the procurement programme as early as possible to ensure timely lifting of paddy arriving at PPCs/ Market Yards and make arrangements for payment of farmers' dues within the specified timeframe.
- 16.4 District level Procurement Committee (DLPC) shall meet under the Chairmanship of the District Collector at regular intervals apart from the mandatory pre-season meetings in October/ November (for Kharif) and April (for Rabi) for ensuring smooth procurement operations.
- 16.5 **Control Room:** A control room shall be set up at district headquarters during procurement period. The control room shall have a land line/ mobile which should be well publicized in print media and at PPCs/ *mandies*. All complaints received from farmers should be noted down in a register and sorted out immediately by coordinating with the agency involved. Dedicated personnel shall man the Control Room and offer help and guidance to farmers who ventilate any grievance. At the State hqrs. a toll free number 1967 has been operationalized by FS & CW Department to receive grievances and resolve them in connection with paddy procurement.
- 16.6 The Collector shall appoint senior officers as **Nodal Officers** for each Block to ensure that farmers do not face any difficulty in selling their FAQ paddy and getting the MSP. A **team of officers** of Departments concerned for each sub-division under Sub-Collector shall be constituted to make random checks at PPCs/ mills during

procurement period to ensure implementation of the Policy. Any case of non-payment of MSP for FAQ paddy shall be brought to the notice of the Collector of the district for taking action as per law against agency/society concerned.

16.7 The Collector of the district shall take all steps mandated by this policy for monitoring procurement, ensuring payment of Minimum Support Price to farmers for FAQ paddy and preventing recycling of subsidized PDS rice and avoiding distress sale of paddy. S/he is authorized to take appropriate action to achieve these objectives.

17.1 **Agreement of agencies with procuring societies:** To streamline paddy procurement through societies, OSCSC/ other State procuring agencies shall make an agreement with such societies (including WSHGs/ Pani Panchayats) to engage them as their Commission Agents.

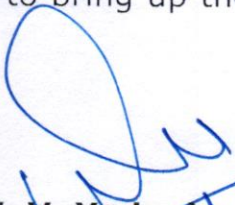
17.2 **Agreement of OSCSC with DSWO / Executive Engineer in charge of Pani Panchayats:** OSCSC/ other State procuring agencies shall enter into agreement with DSWO and Executive Engineer in charge of Pani Panchayats in case paddy is procured through WSHGs and Pani Panchayats respectively. All payments for purchase of paddy, commission to societies etc. shall be routed through these nodal officers.

17.3 **Inadequate number of Rice Mills in a District:** In case of districts where adequate number of rice mills is not available, or where paddy procurement is not smooth, OSCSC may assign to these districts millers from other districts with surplus capacity. However, one custom miller shall not participate in more than two revenue districts including the district where his rice mill is located. Decision on cross-district millers should be finalized by OSCSC at least 15 days before the start of the procurement operations in a district.

- 17.4 **Uncertified Boilers:** Millers having uncertified crude boilers shall not be allowed to undertake procurement and processing of paddy into parboiled rice with such uncertified boilers. However, such mills may be allowed to process and deliver raw rice.
- 17.5 **Certificate from State Pollution Control Board:** All mills which need certificate from State Pollution Control Board would arrange to get/ renew it well in time before start of the milling operation.
- 17.6 **Trading in rice and paddy:** As per the Removal of (Licensing requirements, Stock limits and Movement) Restrictions on Specified Foodstuffs Order, 2002 issued by Government of India, any dealer may freely buy, stock, sell, transport, dispose, acquire, use or consume any quantity of paddy/rice and shall not require a permit or a licence thereof under any order issued under the *Essential Commodities Act, 1955*.
- 17.7 Appropriate safeguards should be taken to ensure the payment of Minimum Support Price to farmers by dealers at the time of purchase and appropriate supporting documents showing payment of market fees and any statutory dues should be kept on record and produced on demand by competent authorities if the paddy stock is moving out of State.
- 17.8 **Procurement of packaging materials for custom milled rice:** For packing of custom milled rice, the procuring agencies shall procure new gunnies of BIS prescribed specifications from Jute Commissioner of India (JCI). In case of delays/ short supply by JCI to meet the requirement of packaging, OSCSC shall make alternative arrangements for availability of new gunny bags by way of supply by the custom millers at the rates fixed by Government of India. The procuring agencies shall make all necessary arrangements for getting supply of new gunnies from JCI in time.
- 17.9 **Authority of FS & CW Department:** The Food Supplies and Consumer Welfare Department shall issue guidelines and

clarifications, as and when required, to achieve the objectives of this Policy. These guidelines and clarifications shall be final and binding on all authorities/ agencies procuring paddy, delivering CMR and overseeing such activities and all processes connected therewith.

18. The Cabinet may kindly deliberate and take decision on the above proposal. The synopsis in respect of the above proposal has been given in the Appendix to the Memorandum.
19. There is no financial implication. However, the Financial Memorandum is placed at **Annexure-II**.
20. The Memorandum has been approved by the Hon'ble Minister, Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare and Co-operation and consent of the Hon'ble Chief Minister has been obtained to bring up the proposal to the Cabinet for approval.


(V. V. Yadav)
25/8/20
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

13770 Bhubaneswar, Dated 29.09.2020
Sub: Food and Procurement Policy for Kharif Marketing Season, 2020-21.

SYNOPSIS

Sl. No.	Gist of decision required	Benefits / Expected outcomes	Time frame and manner of implementation
1	Approval of Food and Procurement Policy for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21.	Procurement of paddy will be made at the minimum support price benefitting the farmers of the State.	Policy will be applicable for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020 - 21 from 1.10.2020 to 30.9.2021.
2	Target of paddy procurement to be fixed at 48 lakh MT in terms of rice, which is <i>roughly</i> equivalent to 71 lakh MT of paddy.	Target is required to be fixed for meeting the State's requirement under NFSA, Other Welfare Schemes & State Food Security Scheme and for protecting farmers from distress sale.	During the KMS 2020 - 21 i.e. from 1.10.2020 to 30.9.2021.
3	OSCSC/ other State procuring agencies (wherever necessary) to purchase paddy from the farmers through PACS/ LAMPCS/ WSHG/ Pani Panchayats.	Purchase by OSCSC/ Other State procuring agencies through PACS/LAMPCS/ WSHGs/ Pani Panchayats will prevent distress sale by extending the outreach of Govt. to far-flung areas of the State.	-do-
4	Approval of engagement of OSCSC (and other State procuring agencies, if necessary,) in paddy procurement operations.	Participation of OSCSC/Other State procuring agencies to ensure better coverage under procurement.	-do-
5	Engagement of PACS/LAMPCS/ WSHGs/ Pani Panchayats in paddy procurement by OSCSC/ Other State procuring agencies.	It will strengthen the PACS/LAMPCS/ WSHGs/ Pani Panchayats financially.	During the KMS 2020-21 through OSCSC/ Other State procuring agencies.
6	Procurement of equipment required for PPCs/ mandies.	It will facilitate procurement of FAQ paddy at PPCs/ mandies	During KMS 2020-21 through RMCs.

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MINIMUM INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES AT PADDY PURCHASE CENTRES(PPCs)

1. Sufficient godown facility
2. Road for transportation
3. Weighing scale (Both electronic and manual)
4. Sample divider
5. Analysis kit
6. Set of sieves
7. Parkhi
8. Sample collecting pan
9. Moisture meter
10. Mini grader / paddy cleaner
11. Polythene bag
12. Tarpaulin/ Polythene sheet
13. Waiting space
14. Drinking water facility
15. Toilet facility
16. Open/ covered platform having size of 20'x30'

Financial Memorandum

1. Does the proposal involve revenue loss? Yes No

(Put a √ mark in the appropriate box)

2. In case the proposal involves revenue loss what is the Estimated quantum of loss?
(Indicate the amount in the appropriate box)

- Non-recurring

- Recurring (per annum)

3. Does the proposal involve additional budgetary Expenditure? Yes No

(Put a √ mark in the appropriate box)

4. In case the proposal involves additional budgetary Expenditure what is the estimated quantum?
(Indicate the amount in the appropriate box)

- Non-recurring Capital
Revenue

- Recurring (per annum)

5. Does the proposal envisage creation of new posts? Yes No

(Put a √ mark in the appropriate box)

If yes, what is the estimated annual salary expenditure?
(Indicate the amount in the appropriate box)

6. Does the proposal involve imposition of any new tax or any change in the method of assessment or the pitch of any existing tax, land revenue or irrigation rates?
 Yes No
(Put a √ mark in the appropriate box)

If yes, what is the estimated annual revenue yield?
(Indicate the amount in the appropriate box)

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