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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dated: 05/05/2020

To,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary (Food),
Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Dept.,
Govt. of Odisha, Bhubaneswar

Subject: Permission for use of used gunny bags for Storage of Paddy/
Rice in view of the serious situation arising out of Covid-19
pandemic.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the request of Govt. of Odisha letter No.7397/09661900092016 dated 29.04.2020 (copy attached) for permission to use once used gunny bags for procurement of rice and to inform that this Department has vide letter No.15-8/2004- Py.III (Pt.) dated 18.05.2017 and No.15-14/2018-Py.III dated 13.12.2018 has issued guidelines to provide usage charges for packaging of procured paddy/rice etc.

2. In view of closure of Jute mills in the country due to Covid 19 pandemic and the resultant non-supply/unavailability of jute bags, as a onetime measure, your request for use of once used jute bags procured through Jute Commissioner, (collected from FPS) in KMS 2019-20, for delivery of CMR to central pool till 30.06.2020 is, in principle, allowed subject to the undermentioned conditions:

- I. Only sound Jute gunny bags without any cut or tear or major repair shall be used.
- II. Rice may be filled after reversing the bags and proper stenciling may be done as per the prescribed colour code.
- III. Stenciling on the bags shall clearly carry an additional mark of "Used bag allowed for KMS 2019-20".

- IV. Color of the stenciling to be done by rice Millers/procuring agency delivering rice in used bags shall be red for easy identification.
- V. To the extent possible, such bags may be utilized for delivery of rice for consumption within the State.
- VI. FCI and the State Agencies shall ensure to maintain separate stack identity for the rice delivered in used gunny bags.
- VII. Proper account shall be maintained for rice delivered in such bags and monthly report regarding use of used bags would be given to FCI during the time in which such bags are used.
- VIII. Separate claim regarding use of such bags would be submitted at the time of claiming food subsidy along with the copies of reports sent to FCI.
- IX. An undertaking would be submitted by State government to the extent that the gunnies used are made of jute of Indian origin and made in India.

3. As regards cost of once used bags is concerned, it is clarified that presently there is no such rate approved by DFPD for delivery of CMR in used gunny bags. However, rate for such usage would be separately fixed shortly and communicated.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Sudeesh. V.C)
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1. The CMD, FCI, HQ, New Delhi
2. AS (P&FCI), DFPD
3. Joint Secretary (Jute), Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
4. PS to Director (Py.III)
5. PS to Director (FC A/Cs)
6. PS to Director (Finance)