

The provisions in the Procurement Guidelines of KMS 2013-14 on Mandi handling read as follows:

Para No.28.1 - *Handling operations at Mandi includes unloading of paddy from the vehicles of farmers, heaping, re-bagging, weighment, temporary stacking and loading of paddy to the millers vehicle. Unloading of paddy from farmer's vehicle is the responsibility of the farmer.*

Para No.28.2 - *In the purchase centres operated by PACS, WSHG, PP the mandi handling i.e heaping, re-bagging, weighment and temporary stacking shall be the responsibility of PACS, WSHG, PP as the case may be.*

The loading of paddy to the miller's vehicle shall be responsibility of custom miller. Collector, in special circumstances, may assign the entire handling operations to the custom millers if the PACS/WSHG/PP are unable to arrange labourers for mandi handling operations. In such case an order in writing should be communicated to all concerned before commencement of the procurement.

It is ascertained that PACS are not performing Mandi handling operations at the purchase centres as laid down in the guidelines. The activity of PACS at the time of procurement of paddy from the farmers is limited to maintenance of records and registers. Mandi Handling is an integral function of procurement process. PACS are paid commission for the services performed for entire procurement process including Mandi handling.

It is therefore proposed that PACS unable to perform mandi handling shall not be entitled for entire commission due and shall be paid only 50% of the commission for not discharging all the procurement functions. This shall be applicable for KMS 2013-14.