

FAX

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD, SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.**

To

All Collectors.

Sub:

**Mandi handling operation at the paddy purchase centres operated
by PACS- Payment of Commission for KMS 2013-14.**

Sir,

I am to say that the provision in the procurement guideline 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 the farmers, heaping, re-bagging, weighment, temporary staking 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 and Pani Panchayats, the mandi handling i.e. heaping, re-bagging, weighment and temporary staking shall be the responsibility of PACS, WSHG and Pani Panchayat 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 operation at 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 the procurement process. PACS are paid commission for the services performed for entire procurement process including mandi handling.

