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To

All CSO-cum-District Managers,
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Sub: **Scientific storage of paddy by the Custom Millers - Violation of the provisions of the agreement.**

Ref: Clause - 24(b) of the agreement executed with Custom Millers.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that a Custom Miller is under obligation for scientific storage of paddy inside the rice mill during joint custody as per clause - 24 (b) of the agreement executed with them. The provision of the said clause is as follows.

"The custom millers shall be responsible for any damage / deterioration of the quality of paddy received due to unsafe and unscientific storage by the miller"

But it is seen that the custom millers in all the districts are not arranging storage of paddy as per the code of practices for scientific storage in covered godowns or in open space through CAP storage. They used to store in jam packed position inside godown and in a single mountain size stack in open space. Some of the millers also keeping paddy in loose heaps. Such type of storage in uncountable position is unfit for physical verification or inventory control on the one hand and subject to quality deterioration on the other hand. This not only amounts to violation of the provision of the agreement but also releasing discoloured resultant CMR, losing lustre and adversely affecting the merchantability. Lustre lost CMR having poor merchantability in appearance exceeding specification limit under various refractions is unfit for FCI delivery or utilisation under PDS either inside or out side the State.

It deserves mention here that OSCSC is procuring more than the requirement under PDS in this State and the surplus procurement has to be delivered to the central pool account of the Government of India. Unless FAQ CMR is produced by the custom millers there is no scope of utilisation under any scheme and the objective of the decentralised procurement shall be a failure in the State.

It further deserves mention here that a custom miller is entitled for payment of custody and maintenance charges as per the cost sheet of Government of India for complying the above provision on scientific storage of paddy. But it is observed that the custom millers in stead of maintaining paddy storage as per scientific norms are taking excuse showing other reasons like poor quality of paddy procured from farmers, heavy volume of paddy delivered to them within a limited period of time to avoid resentment of farmers, rasta roka etc., which results in down gradation of paddy in the mills and release of substandard CMR. The contention of the millers is not acceptable as they are neglecting in scientific storage of paddy inside the mill campus.

In view of the above, the following instructions are hereby issued to be followed scrupulously by the custom millers in scientific storage of paddy in the rice mill.

(A) Manner of storage inside godown.

1. The miller shall store the paddy in standard size serviceable B.T gunny bags and the practice of packing in polly packs to be strictly avoided. Polythene bags restrict moisture migration creating bio chemical changes inside the paddy grains and leading to discoloured grains.
2. Minimum 2.5 ft gap in between wall and stacks is to be left towards alleyways to facilitate smooth aeration, physical verification and the practice of maintaining stacks touching to the wall of the godown to be stopped.
3. Proper dunnage shall be used before stacking and in no case paddy bags shall be allowed to be stored on the floor of the godown to avoid bottom layer damage.
4. Due to shortage of adequate godown space for storage of paddy, the millers used to store paddy in open space in a single stack of mountain size. This practice of stacking huge stocks in a single stack leads to biochemical changes in side the paddy grain releasing discoloured CMR after milling.

(B) Manner of storage in open space.

The following code of practices for open storage is to be followed meticulously in order to avoid down gradation in quality of paddy during storage.

1. Smaller size of stacks shall be maintained in stead of a single big stack in open storage.
2. Minimum 3000 bags or 120 M.T of paddy shall be stored in a single stack leaving alleyways of 2.5 ft from stack to stack.
3. Millers use loose husk for dunnage in open storage of paddy. Loose husks are not able to protect the bottom layer from damage due to water. Two layers of paddy husk duly packed in polythene cement bags are the best dunnage for open storage to be used.
4. Moisture content of paddy shall be maintained within specification limit.

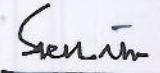
5. Stacking is to be made in dome form. The roof of the stack should be dome shaped i.e. inverted V in stead of plane roof.
6. One layer of husk bag should be kept on the upper most layer in order to avoid quality damage of the upper layer stocks of paddy from excessive heat and rain water.
7. Chemical treatment of stack base is to be made by spreading of chloropyriphos powder before stacking. This will arrest termite or white ants infestations of the bottom layer and contamination of paddy grains.
8. Scientifically developed CAP cover should be used for covering the stacks maintained in open space.
9. Aeration of the stack should be provided by removing the cover or raising the cover up to 15 layer heights in order to pass out the warm air accumulated inside the cover. In absence of proper aeration, there will be biochemical changes due to moisture condensation. Creation of heat zones inside the stack results in dis-colourisation and damage of grains due to growth of micro organism.

It is therefore instructed to ensure scientific storage of paddy at custom millers level during joint custody following above procedures for scientific storage of paddy. The concept of CAP storage and scientific storage of paddy in a rice mill has been explained in detail with a power point presentation during last training-cum-workshop of Authorised Officers of all districts.

Any custom miller storing paddy without following the laid down procedures and offering BRL stocks for delivery against the CMR due shall not be entitled for payment of custody and maintenance charges of paddy.

This may be brought to the notice of all Authorised Officers and Custom Millers and scientific storage of paddy in the mill premises shall be ensured scrupulously.

Yours faithfully,

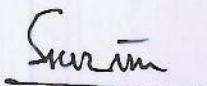


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