

F.No. 6(1)/2007-Py.III
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated the 20th February, 2015

To,
All Principal Secretaries/Secretaries,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
State Governments

Subject:- Imposition of levy of rice procured by the millers through the State levy orders by the State Governments with the concurrence of Government of India under the delegated powers under EC Act, 1955 – directions to stop imposition of levy rice milled or purchased or held by the licensed millers in the States from KMS 2015-16 onwards - regarding

Ref: (i) Letter No. 6(1)/2007-Py.III dated 6th May, 2013 of this Department
(ii) Letter No. 6(1)/2007-Py.III dated 7th July, 2014 of this Department


Sir,

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Central Government under sub-section (1) of Section 3 of the EC Act, 1955 and further delegated to the State Governments under Section 5 of the said Act, the State Governments are notifying State Rice and Paddy Levy Orders with the prior concurrence of the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India for imposition of levy on rice purchased or milled or held by the licensed millers in the State. Under the said provisions, the permissible imposition of levy of rice was limited to maximum 25% by the Central Government w.e.f. 1st October, 2014. With a view to ensure payment of remunerative prices to farmers at MSP or above and to improve outreach of procurement system to the farmgate for their better coverage, it has been decided now that the State Governments should not impose any levy on rice from the millers w.e.f. 1st October, 2015.

2. Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on the Central Government under Section 5 of the EC Act, 1955, it is directed that no State Government shall impose any levy on rice from the millers with effect from 1st October, 2015 and all the State Governments, where the percentage of levy imposed is upto 25% at present on standing basis, shall take action to immediately amend their levy orders to ensure that no levy is imposed from 1st October, 2015 onwards. The Central Government is providing its advance concurrence for such amendments in levy orders of the concerned States. The earlier concurrence given by the Central Government with regard to levy orders for imposition of levy upto 25% will be deemed to have been withdrawn with effect from 1st October, 2015.

3. The compliance of these directions may kindly be reported to the Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India before 30th September, 2015.

Yours faithfully,


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