MEMORANDUM


The State Government has decided to start procurement of Paddy in the State for on-going Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2019-20 w.e.f 20\textsuperscript{th} January, 2020 jointly with FCI alike previous year operation during KMS:2018-19 on hybrid model. FCI would pay the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs.1815.00 per quintals to the farmers and arrange gunnies. The paddy will be received initially on quality checking by FCI official as would be deputed in the PPC. The quality of paddy shall conform to the specifications of the Govt. of India. The paddy so received by the FCI officials in PPC, in turn, would be handed over to State Food officials for dispatching the same to the concerned rice mill through representative of the miller. Food, CS & CA Department of the State Govt. will arrange milling, transportation and labour etc and borne the cost of these incidentals. The initial target for procurement of paddy is fixed for 30,000 MT.

2. There would be total 19-Primary Purchasing Centres (PPCs) for procurement operation covering 15-Sub-Divisions in all 8-districts across the State besides Rice-mill premises of Jirania/Udaipur Sub-Division which would also be selected and notified for functioning as PPCs later on. 19-PPCs as selected and finalised are as follows:-

(a) Sonamura Agri Market (Sonamura), (b) Kathalia (Sonamura), (c) Rajibnagar (Sabroom), (d) Baikhora (Santirbazar), (e) Rajnagar Market (Belonia), (f) Belonia Cold Storage (Belonia), (g) Matabari (Udaipur), (h) Kakraban (Udaipur), (i) Mirza (Udaipur), (j) Amarpur (k) Bishramganj (Bishalgarh) (l) Gokulnagar (Bishalgarh), (m) Mohanpur, (n) Ganki (Khowai), (o) Teliamura Agri Market (Teliamura), (p) Kalachari Agri Office Complex (Kamalpur), (q) Gournagar (Kailasahar), (r) Gokulnagar (Panisagar) and (s) Kadamatla (Dharmanagar).

3. There would be ceiling of selling paddy in PPC by farmers. The minimum 3(three) quintals and maximum 30(thirty) quintals would be the ceiling for selling paddy for larger coverage of farmer-beneficiaries, which would be followed strictly in each PPC. Concerned Agriculture officials should indicate the quantity of paddy to be sold by farmers in respective farmers’ registration certificate accordingly.

4. 5-PPCs would be operated in each phase and 1\textsuperscript{st} phase procurement calendar is enclosed at Annexure-A. Agriculture Deptt. would undertake PPC-wise registration of eligible farmers and the beneficiary-farmers should be covered exclusively from the beneficiaries list of PM-KISAN (Scheme). Registration Certificate should be issued maintaining token SI. and date of sale with indication of actual quantity of paddy to be sold by farmers and other required information of Aadhaar and bank details etc. The date-wise list of registered farmers should be sent to the in-charge of concerned PPC in advance. PPC-wise farmers’ certificate should only be honoured by concerned PPC. Moreover, daily target for PPC wise procurement should not be more than 100 MT paddy per PPC. Farmers’ registration for 1\textsuperscript{st} phase should be completed in 2-days advance before starting of 1\textsuperscript{st} phase operation w.e.f. 20-01-2020. PPCs to be covered in 1\textsuperscript{st} phase with period of procurement is enclosed at Annexure-A. Necessary platform weighing scales & Moisture metres are also being arranged for positioning in the said PPCs within 16-01-2020.

5. Since the procurement operation will commence from 20\textsuperscript{th} January, 2020, it is urgently necessary to complete all preparatory activities before commencing PPC operations. It has been decided by the State Government that the entire exercise at the field level will be conducted & monitored by the SDMs. As such, concerned SDMs have to play very important role for successful implementation of the programme.
6. Assessment of facilities available in aforesaid PPCs is most important in respect of sitting area for farmers, working space for Govt. officials, quality testing/weighing space for paddy, intermediary storage space (for safety & security of the stock), loading areas, drinking water, electrification facility etc. According to ground assessment, suitable temporary arrangements shall be made on urgent basis as deemed appropriate. Food, CS & CA Department may provide token fund for such temporary arrangements, if needed subject to requisition and keeping bare minimum needs in mind. Agri Produce Market Committees may also be tied up for facilitating the process of procurement, if so required.

6(a). As a part of awareness, 1st phase of procurement calendar has already been published in 2 leading local newspapers on 15.01.2020 for general information. Phase wise & PPC wise procurement calendar will also be published in phased manner.

6(b). Handling Labourers for weighing and loading in PPC would be engaged as per requirement by the concerned SDM. Labour handling charges as per approved rate will be reimbursed by Food, CS & CA Deptt. after raising labour bills by concerned SDM. However, an advance fund of Rs.50,000/- would be provided to each procuring Sub-Division for utilizing the same for cash payment to the outside labourers as per departmental approved rate in case of any urgency and necessity.

6(c). The concerned transport contractor shall be informed in 1(one) day advance for requirement/placement of vehicles based on farmers registration & quantity to be procured in PPC.

6(d). It will be the responsibility of the farmers to bring the paddy @ 40 kg in each bag/gunny at the PPCs through their own conveyance and unloading in the Purchasing Center. If the specification of the paddy conforms to the quality norms of Govt. of India, stock of farmer will be weighed in electronic weighing machine and subsequent weighing, loading, transportation of paddy from PPC to Mill etc. will be taken up.

6(e). 1/2-representative of concerned Rice Mill shall remain present during operation of each PPC for receiving the stock of paddy through invoices. They shall extend their help/co-operation in the process for ensuring smooth conduct of PPC.

7. In addition to deployment of 5-Food officials in each PPC, deployment of 3/4-officials from Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Deptt. from the concerned area would be deputed by the Director. Agriculture & Farmers Welfare mainly to co-ordinate and assist in day to day works in each PPC. The State officials of both Food & Agriculture shall help FCI officials in preparation of paper-works including farmers’ bills with correct data, besides execution of daily procurement works. Agri officials should also assist the Food officials to carry out the daily works. A suitable advisory needs to be issued to concerned field officials by the Director. Agriculture & FW indicating name & designation of the PPC-wise deployment of officials for the purpose with a copy to the FCS&CA Deptt. The senior most officer of both Food & Agriculture Departments shall function as PPC in-charge for ensuring better execution of the works under overall control of the concerned Sub-Divisional Magistrate. A daily report indicating date-wise and PPC-wise quantity of paddy procured on the day with number of farmers shall be sent by concerned PPC in-chARGE to the Directorate of Food, CS&CA on daily basis. However, PPC-wise deployment of food officials (for 1st phase) is enclosed at Annexure-A. The Food officials who are deployed in PPC from other office/Sub-Division shall be released from the concerned Head of Offices for the purpose and they will be allowed either TA/DA or Deputation allowance whichever is applicable as per provision.

8. In the interest of smooth operation of paddy procurement in PPC, all officials including FCI should make the works easier and convenient for all, particularly for farmers, within least possible time. The daily works should be completed tentatively within 5.00 PM of the day including loading & despatch of procured stock of paddy.

This is issued for information, guidance and compliance by all concerned.

Enclo:- As stated.

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Secretary to the
Government of Tripura
To
The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Belonia/ Sabroom / Santirbazar / Amarpur / Udaipur / Sonamura / Bishalgarh / Jirania / Mohanpur / Khowai / Teliamura / Kamalpur / Kailashahar / Panisagar / Dharmanagar for information & necessary action.

Copy to:-

2. The Addl. Secretary & Director, Food, CS & CA Department, Govt. of Tripura, for information & necessary action.
3. The Director, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura for information & necessary action.
4. The General Manager(R), FCI, Shillong for information.
5. The Additional Director, Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Department, Govt. of Tripura for information & necessary action.
6. The Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Sadar / Jampuijala / Karbook / Ambassa / Longthari Valley / Gandachara / Kumarghat / Kanchanpur for information and with a request to arrange releasing the food official, if any is deployed in PPC.
7. Deputy Director (Food), Udaipur & Dharmanagar / Officer-In-Charge, Central Stores, A.D. Nagar for information and with a request to arrange releasing the food official, if any is deployed in PPC.
9. The Divisional Manager (DO), FCI, Agartala for information & necessary action.
10. The Assistant Director (F) / SDC (F) / CI (F) for information & necessary action.
11. The Director, M/S. Tripureswari Agro-Products Pvt. Ltd., Tulakona, Old Agartala for information with a request to arrange receive the stock in the PPC (as per Annexure-A) for milling & delivery of CMR.

Copy also forwarded for kind information to:-

1. PS to the Principal Secretary to the Hon’ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Tripura.
2. PS to the Hon’ble Minister, Agriculture Department, Govt. of Tripura.
3. PS to the Hon’ble Minister, Food, CS & CA Department, Govt. of Tripura.
4. PPS to the Chief Secretary, Govt. of Tripura.
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