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Salient features of Food & Procurement Policy for 2015-16 KMS.

1. **Payment to farmers** by State Agencies or their authorized Societies is made either **through direct transfer to the bank account of farmer or through A/C payee cheque** within 3 to 7 days of purchase. (Para 2.4).
2. **Tagging of Mills** to PPCs and Mills to the RRCs on the basis of distance from the mill, capacity of RRC and requirement of rice for PDS apart from mill capacity and security deposit for minimizing overall cost of transportation from paddy receipt to rice delivery for PDS. (Para 2.9).
3. **Farmers' Registration** is must before they sell their paddy. Paddy of farmers who do not register can only be procured after purchase of paddy of all registered farmers in the society and also only after they get themselves registered with the societies. (Para 3.1).
Big farmers with more than 100 quintals of surplus paddy may be allocated to agencies procuring directly at Market Yards through their Purchase Officers. Their names would be deleted from society procurement register and added to agency's register for a particular Market Yard. (Para 3.3).
4. **Target:** Overall target has been fixed at 30 lakh MT in terms of rice with a break-up of 23 Lakh MT for Kharif and 7 Lakh MT for Rabi season. (Para 3.4). *(Note: Agency wise district target yet to be communicated).*
5. **Agencies:** State Government Agencies viz. Oscsc, Nafed, Markfed, TDCC and NACOF will procure directly from farmers or with the help of PACS, WSHGs, and Pani Panchayats. **Oscsc will procure paddy in all districts but other State agencies will be mostly assigned surplus districts.** (Para 4.1).
6. **10 Lakh MT of surplus rice proposed to be delivered to FCI.** (Para 4.3).
7. **Levy:** Henceforth, no levy rice will be procured under Levy route in KMS 2015-16. (Para 5).
8. **MSP** of FAQ Common Paddy is Rs.1410/- & Grade-A is Rs.1450/-per quintal. Payment of MSP is applicable only for FAQ standard paddy **and sale of non-FAQ Paddy below MSP will not amount to distress sale.** (Para 6.1 & 2).

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9. **Procurement Period** for Kharif will be from 15th Nov,15 to 31st March,16 and last date for delivery of CMR is 30.6.2016. Rabi paddy will be procured from May to June,2016 and CMR delivery last date will be 30.9.2016. (Para 6.5).

PACs/Societies have to hand over paddy of FAQ to Millers or else, they may land up in problems if they do not ensure the same during receipt from farmers. (Para 6.5).

10.**PACS** are to be given priority over WSHG & Pani Panchayats in allocating villages/area for procurement. (Para 7.2).

11.**Each PACS to make arrangements to store paddy upto three days of procurement** to ensure proper planning on the part of miller to organize vehicles. (Para 7.4).

12.**State Agencies other than Oscsc and FCI may procure directly from big farmers having more than 100 Qtls at Market Yards** and also through Societies from the approved list finalized by the concerned District Administration. One society can only be attached to one State agency i.e. either OSCSC or Nafed or Markfed or TDCC or NACOF. (Para 7.5).

13.**CAP Storage:** FSCW Dept has introduced provision for CAP Storage of paddy in open with adequate protection and security. It is expected that some Districts will go for CAP Storage to ease the delay and reluctance of Millers in picking up paddy from the Mandies. (Para 7.8).

14. Collectors will assign Rice Mills to each PPC considering milling capacity etc. Millers registered online in KMS 2014-15 may update those fields where there has been any change during past year. Online Registration of the mills is a prerequisite for participation in the procurement operation of KMS 15-16. 15th October, 2015 would be last date for registration / updation by the millers. (Para 12.1).

15.**Agreement with Millers:** No miller who is yet to complete the delivery of CMR of last KMS 2014-15 shall be allowed to participate in the procurement operation in KMS 2015-16. (Para 12.2).

16. There shall be an **Authorized Officer** who will be in charge of the rice mill being appointed by Collector from Civil Supplies executive staff to verify and submit a **Verification Report**. (Para 12.3).

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- 17.**Delivery Certificate:** On the basis of Verification Report, DC should be issued by CSO cum DM to the Miller for delivery of CMR to designated depots of OSCSC or FCI. (Para 12.4).
- 18.Districts with inadequate numbers of Rice Mills may assign millers from other nearby districts with surplus capacity. **One custom miller shall not participate in more than two revenue districts** including the district where rice mill is located. (Para 14.3).
- 19.**Trading in Rice & Paddy:** Any dealer may freely buy, stock, sell, transport, dispose, acquire, use or consume any quantity of paddy/rice and shall not require a permit or a license there for under any order issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. **Payment of MSP to the farmers to be ensured and supporting documents like payment of market fees and vat should be produced on demand if the paddy stock is moving out of State.** (Para 14.6).
- 20.**F.S. & C.W. Dept** to prescribe operational guidelines and clarifications as and when required. (Para 14.8).

(Pl refer Food Policy issued vide FSCW Letter No.19648 Dt.5.10.15 for full details)

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