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**Salient features of Food & Procurement Policy for 2017-18 KMS.**

1. **Payment to farmers** by State Agencies or their authorized Societies is made **through direct transfer to the bank account of farmer by Electronic mode** 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 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. All Farmers are required to furnish their Aadhaar Numbers in KMS 2017-18. (Para 3.1).
4. **Target:** Overall target has been fixed at **36 lakh MT in terms of rice.** Minister, FS&CW is authorized to modify the overall target as per the need during the KMS 2017-18. (Para 3.4).
5. **Agencies:** State Government Agencies viz. Oscsc, Markfed, TDCC and any other agency deemed suitable by Govt will procure paddy with the help of PACS, WSHGs, and Pani Panchayats. **Oscsc will procure paddy in all districts but other State agencies, if necessary, will be mostly assigned surplus districts.** (Para 4.1).
6. **Main activity of FCI in the State at present is to receive surplus CMR from State Agencies including OSCSC.** (Para 4.2).
7. **Prudent movement Plan:** The transportation of rice from Surplus district to deficit district, wherever imperative, shall be made in accordance with a prudent movement plan. (Para 4.4).
8. **Custom Milling of Rice Order, 2016:** To regulate paddy procurement and custom milling of Rice, the State Govt has notified Odisha Rice and Paddy Procurement and Custom Milling of Rice Order, 2016 on 20.4.16. (Para-5).
9. **MSP** of FAQ Common Paddy is Rs.1550/- & Grade-A is Rs.1590/-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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10.**Procurement Period** for Kharif paddy will be from November, 17 to April, 18 and Rabi paddy will be procured from May to June,2018. Last date for delivery of CMR out of Khariff and Rabi Crop will be as per the timelines fixed by GOI. (Para 6.5).

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

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

12.**Each PACS is expected to make arrangements to store paddy for a minimum upto three days of procurement** to ensure proper planning on the part of miller to organize vehicles. (Para 7.4).

13.**State Agencies other than Oscsc shall be deployed, as per necessity, in surplus districts for procurement of paddy** 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 Markfed or TDCC. (Para 7.5).

14.**P-PAS will be followed across the State for the KMS 2017-18.** (Para- 9).

15.Collectors will assign Rice Mills to each PPC considering milling capacity etc. Millers registered online in KMS 2016-17 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 17-18. 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 would be last date for registration / updation by the millers. (Para 12.1).

16.**Agreement with Millers:** No miller, who is yet to complete the delivery of CMR of last KMS or *has any outstanding dues to be paid to a State Agency of any previous season*, shall be allowed to participate in the procurement operation in KMS 2017-18. (Para 12.2).

17.**Concurrent receipt of paddy & milling thereof to be ensured by Custom Miller.** (Para 12.3).

18.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 12.4).

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- 19.**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 12.5).
- 20.In districts with inadequate numbers of Rice Mills, **OSCSC** 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).
- 21.**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 thereof 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).
- 22.**F.S. & C.W. Dept** to prescribe operational guidelines and clarifications as and when required. (Para 14.9).

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***(Pl refer complete Food Policy issued vide FSCW Letter No.18300 Dt.13.9.17 for full details)***