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Sub: Purchase limit per farmer in KMS 2023-24

The maximum quantity of paddy that a farmer may sell was fixed upto 90 quintal vide clause no. 8 of the order no. 4511-FS dated $16^{\rm th}$ October, 2023, in the interest of the small and marginal farmers of the State.

In the same clause, it was stated that a validated farmer having KB ID, would be able to sell paddy upto 30 quintal irrespective of land size in this KMS 2023-24.

Since, paddy cultivation in West Bengal is usually done in two main seasons, i.e. Aman and Boro, the small and marginal farmers may have same crop (Paddy of common variety) produced in the same quantum of land twice in the whole season.

Proposals have been received from different districts for allowing the KB validated small and marginal farmers to sell paddy up to 30 quintal in boro season also. Considering that the small and marginal farmers need to sell their produce at a remunerative price and that the department also needs to procure 30 Lakh MT of paddy in remaining 2-3 months to meet its requirement for PDS, the Department has now decided in the public interest to allow the validated farmers, i.e. farmers having KB ID to sell 30 quintal of paddy in the coming Boro (Rabi) season in this KMS 2023-24 also.

This is issued in partial modification of the clause no. 8.2. of the order no. 4511-FS dated 16th October, 2023 and with the approval of the Competent Authority of this Department and will take effect on and from 1st May, 2024.

This is issued in the interest of paddy procurement and public distribution system.

Senior Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

Dated: 04-04-2024

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Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:-

- The Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture Marketing Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Co-operation Department, Govt. of West Bengal.

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- 3. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
- 4. The Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer/ Branch Head, BENFED/ WBECSCL/ NAFED/ CONFED/ PBAMCL/ NCCF.
- 5. The Director, Directorate of DDP&S, F&S Department.
- 6. The District Magistrate (All except Kalimpong).
- 7. The Sr. Special Secretary/ Special Secretary/ Addl. Secretary/ Joint Secretary/ Sr. Deputy Secretary/ Deputy Secretary, F&S Department (All).
- 8. The Addl. Secretary (IT & Reforms Cell), F&S Department.
- 9. The Financial Advisor, F&S Department.
- 10. The Director of Finance, F&S Department.
- 11. The District Controller, F&S (All except Kalimpong).
- 12. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MIC, Food & Supplies Department.
 13. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MoS, Food & Supplies Department.
- 14. The P.A. to the Pr. Secretary, Food & Supplies Department. 15. The President, Bengal Rice Mills Association.

Additional Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal