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NOTIFICATION

Subject - Constitution, role and responsibilities of Block level Monitoring Committee on procurement of paddy

The decentralized procurement of paddy by the State Government continues for each Kharif and Rabi Marketing Season on the strength of the West Bengal Custom Milled Rice (Obligation & Control) Order, 2015, Policy and Guidelines issued for each KMS and subsequent amendments thereof. Procurement of paddy has twin objectives of preventing distress sale by the small and marginal farmers by providing Minimum Support Price (MSP) and procurement of required quantity of paddy to provide rice for meeting the entire requirement of Central Pool under NFSA (now known as PMGKAY), Mid Day Meal, ICDS etc. and State Pool under Rajya Khadya Suraksha Yojana (RKSJ) and other Government sponsored welfare schemes.

The State Government provides for an incentive over and above the Minimum Support Price (MSP) per quintal for common paddy of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) to the farmers who sell their paddy at the Centralized Procurement Centres (CPCs) and mobile Centralized Procurement Centres (mCPC). They can also sell paddy at any Purchase Centers operated by Paddy Procuring Societies (PPS) engaged by CMR agencies (ECSC, BENFED, CONFED, NAFED and PBAMCL).

A. Scope:

The farmers can sell their produce at the notified Centralized Procurement Centres (CPCs), mobile Centralized Procurement Centres (mCPC), at the Co-operative Society camps or at the Self Help Groups (SHGs) or Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)/ Farmer Producers Company (FPC)/ Large Area Multipurpose Societies (LAMPS) Camps organized by CMR agencies.

In order to ensure smooth operation of paddy procurement at Block level and safeguard the interest of farmers, Governor is please to constitute a **Block Level Monitoring Committee (BLMC)** in place of 3-men committee constituted by DLMC in accordance with the order no 3774-FS dated 30.12.2015 and define its, constitution, role and responsibilities as mentioned below.

B. Constitution Block Level Monitoring Committee (BLMC):

The BLMC shall comprise of -

- a) The Block Development officer (BDO)
- b) The Assistant Director of Agriculture (ADA)
- c) Block level Inspector of Co- Operation Department
- d) A representative of the Sub-Divisional Controller (Food & Supplies).
- e) Representative of local IC/OC, Police Station
- f) Women Development Officer (WDO)
- g) Representative of all the rice mills engaged in procurement operation in the block.

C. Roles & responsibilities -

The comprehensive role & responsibility of BLMC for procurement of paddy are detailed below:

- 1) to monitor the overall paddy procurement within the Block area,
- 2) to hold regular awareness camps for briefing the elected representatives and to apprise them regarding procurement procedure including registration, updation process and self-scheduling of the farmers etc. as and when required,
- 3) to ensure that all the procurement centres including Centralise Procurement Centres (CPCs)/ mobile Centralise Procurement Centres (mCPCs)/ purchase centers run by Self Help Groups (SHGs) / FPOs/ FPCs/ LAMPS and Co-operative Society Camps are functioning as per the guidelines prescribed by the Department from time to time,
- 4) to educate the farmers regarding specifications of the FAQ of the paddy and to bring clean & dry paddy as per specifications of the FAQ paddy to the purchase centers,
- 5) to assess any requirement for arranging any purchase camps like mCPC or purchase camps run by PPS and CMR Agencies in remote and inaccessible villages,
- 6) to make surprise visits to the procurement centres to ensure the interest of the farmers are duly addressed,
- 7) to redress any dispute regarding the quality of paddy procured and other such issues which may arise,
- 8) to ensure adequate publicity regarding registration, updation, scheduling of farmers and educate the farmers in this regard,

- 9) to redress any local issue with the Rice Mills of the area,
- 10) BLMC may involve/ assign other officials or Extension Officer of the Block to make regular as well as surprise visits at the purchase centers to protect and safeguard the interests of the farmer,
- 11) to assist the purchase officers in ensuring that no unauthorised person(s) are disturbing the paddy procurement operation at any purchase center,
- 12) to report any deviation / non-compliance by any purchase officer, PPS or rice mills to SCFS or SDO,
- 13) to take strong action against unscrupulous elements disturbing the procurement operations at any Purchase Center,

D. Publicity:

Intensive publicity at Gram Panchayats and village levels shall be taken up to inform the farmers about CPCs, mCPCs and the camps being organised by CMR agencies/Co-operative Societies/ Self Help Groups/ FPOs/ FPCs/ LAMPS so that farmers are aware of the dates of such procurement in their areas. The Assistant Director of Agriculture along with his/her team of Krishi Proyukti Sahayaks may be mobilised to undertake intensive publicity amongst the farmers.

Corresponding amendments in the Control Order issued vide no. 3774-FS/ Sectt. /Food/ 4P-12/2014 dated 30.12.2015 will be done accordingly.

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3. The Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
4. The Principal Secretary, Agriculture Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
5. The Principal Secretary, Agricultural Marketing Department, Govt. of West Bengal
6. The Managing Director, BENFED.
7. The Secretary, Tribal Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
8. The Secretary, Transport Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
9. The Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Dev. Department, Govt. of West Bengal.
10. The Managing Director, WBECSC Ltd.
11. The CEO, West Bengal State Rural Livelihood Mission.
12. The Managing Director, WBSWC.
13. The Senior Special Secretary (Food Cell), Food & Supplies Department.
14. The Special Secretary, ITR Cell, Food & Supplies Department.
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20. The Director of Storage, Food & Supplies Department.
21. The Director of Finance, Food & Supplies Department.
22. The Joint Secretary (Law), Food & Supplies Department.
23. The Registrar of Co-Operative Societies, Government of West Bengal.
24. The General Manager, FCI, WB Region.
25. The Managing Director, PAMCL.
26. The CEO, CONFED.
27. The Branch Manager, NAFED, Kolkata.
28. The Senior Technical Director, NIC.
29. The District Magistrate (All except Kalimpong).
30. The District Controller of Food & Supplies, (All except Kalimpong).
31. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MIC, Food & Supplies Department.
32. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MoS, Food & Supplies Department.
33. The Sr. P.A. to the Principal Secretary, Food & Supplies Department.
34. The President, Bengal Rice Mills Association.


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