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ORDER

Subject: Installation of GPS Enabled Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS) and Weight Sensors for Transportation of Paddy and CMR

In the interest of enhancing transparency, accountability, and effective monitoring of food grain transportation and as per instructions of GoI, Government in Food & Supplies Department hereby issues the following directives regarding the installation of GPS Enabled Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS) and weight sensors on vehicles used for the transportation of paddy from procurement centers to Rice Mills, and for the transportation of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) from Rice Mills to the designated godowns.

1. Mandatory Installation of GPS and Weight Sensors: All empanelled rice mills / transporters engaged in the transportation of paddy and CMR shall ensure that the vehicles used for such transportation are equipped with:

- i. A GPS enabled Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS) of specification fixed by the Government to facilitate real-time monitoring of vehicles at all locations.
- ii. Weight Sensors to accurately monitor the load and deviation, if any, of food grains being transported, in accordance with the technical specifications notified by the State Government.

2. Procurement of Devices: The GPS enabled devices and weight sensors shall be procured by the Rice Mills / transporters exclusively from the empanelled service providers of the VLTS and Weight sensor devices as notified by the Department from time to time. The Rice Mills are responsible for ensuring the purchase of these correct and compliant devices as per the specifications provided, their functioning, safety and custody.

3. Integration with Department's Monitoring System: The GPS enabled device installed in the vehicle shall be integrated with the department's Vehicle Location Tracking System portal

to ensure continuous monitoring of vehicle movement & location and weight throughout the transportation process.

4. Cost of Installation and Maintenance: The cost of the GPS enabled device, weight sensors, and their operation and maintenance shall be borne entirely by the Rice Mill / transporter. The Rice Mill / transporter shall also be responsible for ensuring that the devices remain functional and properly maintained at all times.

5. Prohibition of Transportation without Working GPS: Under no circumstances shall any vehicle be used for the transportation of food grains without a working and functional and online-enabled GPS device integrated with the department's Vehicle Location Tracking System portal. Any violation of this provision shall attract strict action, including, but, not limited to, withholding of payments or additional penalties or discontinuation of rice mills / transporter.

6. Consequences of Non-Compliance: In the event that a Rice Mill, fails to install the GPS device and weight sensors, or Installs devices that do not meet the technical specifications notified by the Government or the devices are not integrated with the department's Vehicle Location Tracking System portal, or fails to ensure the proper functioning of the devices during transportation of paddy and CMR, the Rice Mill shall be liable for penal action, including, **withholding of payment** for the trip or trips where the violation occurred and /or any other additional penal measures and / or **Termination of empanelment** with the State Government, as decided by the Government or its authorised authority.

7. Monitoring and Pilferage Control: If a vehicle is found not to be connected to the network during monitoring (i.e., the GPS device is not functioning or reporting), it will be presumed that pilferage of food grains has occurred. In such cases, the payment for the concerned Rice Mill's trip will be withheld, and additional penal actions may be imposed as deemed necessary by the Government.

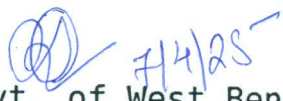
8. Implementation and Review: This order shall come into effect immediately after the System Integrator / Vendor is selected through bid process and work order issued from the Rabi season of KMS 2024-25 and shall be implemented rigorously. All the stakeholders in general and rice mills / transporters in particular are requested to start preparing in this regard immediately, so that there is minimum transition time required and implementation is synchronised and smooth. The Government will periodically review the

effectiveness of the system and may update the technical specifications or empanelled service providers as necessary.

9. Monitoring and Supervision: DDP&S will constitute a team of officials and staffs, train them and the field officials and rice mills / transporter so that VLTS and weight monitoring is implemented properly. The SS (IT & R Cell) and DDPS, shall prepare appropriate SOP defining roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders, training material and educated all stakeholders including rice mills / transporters so that the direction of GOI is properly implemented. They must impart training to rice mills / transporters and others stake holders.

All concerned authorities and Rice Millers / transporters are required to comply with the provisions of this order to ensure the smooth and efficient transportation of food grains and to uphold the integrity of the entire procurement and distribution process.

This order issued with the approval of the concerned authority.


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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Director, Dte. of DDP&S, Food & Supplies Department -
With the request to ensure installation of the GPS Enabled Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS) and weight sensors on vehicles of all the empanelled Rice Mills.
2. The Special Secretary, ITR Cell, Food & Supplies Department.
3. The Director, Dte. of Finance, Food & Supplies Department
4. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MIC, Food & Supplies Department.
5. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MoS, Food & Supplies Department.
6. The Sr. P.S. to the Principal Secretary, Food & Supplies Department.


Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal
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