



GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
FOOD, CIVIL SUPPLIES AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
ASSAM SACHIVALAYA: DISPUR, GAUHATI-6

No FSB. 150/11/Pt 40

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To,

1. All Deputy Commissioners

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2. All Principal Secretaries, Karbi Anglong, Autonomous District Council, Diphu/ North Cachar Autonomous District Council, Haflong/ B.T.A.D. Kokrajhar.

3. All Sub-Divisional Officers. (Civil)

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Sub: **Guidelines for Paddy/ Rice Procurement for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) for the Kharif year 2012-13.**

Sir,

I am directed to inform you that, the Government of Assam with the prior concurrence of the Central Government, have decided to procure paddy and rice for the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2012-13 through Price Support Scheme at Minimum Support Price (MSP). Millers Levy and Custom Milling of Rice (CMR) in accordance with the provisions of the Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Permanent Order, 1995 read with the Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Amendment Permanent Order, 2000 (here in after referred to as '**Amended Levy Order**') and as per instant guidelines formulated for the aforesaid purposes. You are, therefore, instructed to gear up the Central/State Government organizations/departments, public bodies, voluntary Organizations and all other machineries and ensure their sincere and whole hearted involvement in proposed time bound procurement operation strictly adhering to the Government instructions/guidelines/ notifications already issued/to be issued from time to time. The basic information to start with your activities are as follows:-

1. Food Corporation of India (FCI) and Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB) will function as 'Procurement Agent' in procurement operation during KMS 2012-13 within their respective areas as under:-

Sl No	Name of Procurement Agent	Under the Schemes	Area of Operation
1.	Food Corporation of India	(a) Millers Levy	Entire State of Assam
		(b) Price Support Scheme (MSP)	Paddy Procurement Centers (PPC) of FCI notified vide Government notification no. FSB.150/11/pt./10 dated 29.11.2012
2.	Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board (ASAMB)	Custom Milling of Rice (CMR)	Paddy Procurement Centers (PPC) of ASAMB notified vide Government notification no. FSB.150/11/pt./10 dated 29.11.2012

2. Period of Procurement will be:-

(a) For FCI - w. e. f. 15.12.2012 to 30.04.2012

(b) For ASAMB- w. e. f. 15.12.2012 to 31.05.2013.

3. The Government of Assam has proposed/Targeted to procure paddy during the Kharif Marketing Season 2012-13 through Paddy Procurement Centers as detailed hereunder:-

A. By Food Corporation India- 30,000 MT (under MSP)

B. By ASAMB/ASC- 14,600 MT (under CMR)

C. By Imposition of Levy on selected/recognized Rice Mills 1,00,000 MT (Millers Levy)

4. The Procurement Prices of Paddy and Uniform Specifications of all varieties of common and Grade-A Paddy and Rice have been notified vide Government notification no.FSB.150/11/pt./10 dated 29.11.2012.
5. The Procurement Prices of levy rice have been notified vide Government notification no.FSB.30/10/pt./12 dated 14/12/2012.
6. The provisional rates of custom milled rice (CMR) rice have been notified vide Government notification no.FSB.30/10/pt./468 dated 07/12/2012.
7. The procurement of paddy by the Food Corporation of India and Assam State Agricultural Marketing Board under price support scheme and custom milling of rice operation may be done with the help of Pathar Parichalana Samitees, Self Help Groups, Gaon Panchyat Samabay Samitees (GPSS), Gram Panchyats and on their own in their respective areas of jurisdiction as notified and allotted to them by the Government of Assam.
8. Every Rice Miller involved in milling of own stock of paddy shall have to obtain a license as per Amended Levy Order, 2000 and to deliver rice to the 'Procurement Agent' at the procurement price at the rate of 50 percent of the quantity of rice actually milled by him/them from his own stock of paddy provided that such levy liabilities shall not be applicable to a Rice miller under taking exclusively custom milling (i.e. paddy milled by a customer for own consumption).
9. The huller mills without having modern milling machineries and of milling capacity below 3.0 MT per diem may be exempted from levy liability.
10. The minimum machinery requirement for the participating rice mills under the scheme of Custom Milling of Paddy shall be paddy cleaner, de-husker, paddy separator, Rice polisher, bran/ broken Rice separator, bag stitching machine, weighing scale, parboiling plant (in case of parboiled rice). In addition each mill shall have adequate storage facility.
11. The eligible rice mill shall have a minimum capacity of 3.0 MT (i.e. 30 quintals) of rice per day.
12. A rice miller who is intending to participate in Custom Milling of Rice (CMR) to be procured by the Procurement Agents shall have to submit an application before the competent authority of such agents along with following documents -
 - a) Copy of license issued by the Deputy Commissioner of a District for a sadar sub-division or the sub-divisional officer of a civil sub-division.
 - b) Sales tax registration certificate.
 - c) Income tax registration certificate and copy of PAN Card
 - d) Banks name and account number.
 - e) Financial credit worthiness with last 2 (Two) years turn over certificate duly certified by chartered Accountant.
 - f) Power consumption bills (Electricity Bills) of last 6 (Six) months with bill payment receipts.
 Such rice miller shall have to arrive at an agreement with the competent authority of concerned procurement agencies.
13. Every Rice miller shall maintain separate accounts in respect of custom milling under taken by him/them in addition to normal maintenance of accounts of Paddy purchase and rice recovered after milling of paddy and other by-products.

14. The Rice Millers have to undertake custom milling of paddy, as and when the farmers bring the paddy to the rice mills, keeping in view the provisions of the 'Levy Order', and 'Amended Levy Order'. Separate accounts shall have to be maintained by the Rice Miller in respect of such custom milling undertaken by him in addition to normal maintenance of accounts of paddy purchased and rice recovered after milling paddy and other by-products thereof.
15. The Rice Millers may undertake simultaneously the custom milling of paddy procured by the State Agencies and Food Corporation of India, as per the agreed terms and conditions and at the rates and norms fixed by the State/Central Government in this regard.
16. The categorization of Rice Mills will be as under-
 - Category- A** - Rice Mill having milling capacity of above 8.0 M.T. per diem with power load of minimum 50 H.P.
 - Category- B** - Rice Mill having milling capacity of above 4.0 MT to 8.0 M.T. per diem with power load of minimum 45 H.P. to 50 H.P.
 - Category - C** - Rice Mill having milling capacity of above 3.0 MT to 4.0 MT per diem with power load of minimum 25 H.P. to 30 H.P.
17. Every licensed miller shall maintain register indicating the quality of paddy milled and rice delivered under levy during the day in the relevant form. He shall furnish a fortnightly return containing an abstract of the above accounts for fortnightly period ending on the 15th and last date of every calendar month to the Deputy Commissioner exercising jurisdiction in the area so as to reach him within 5 days of the close of the fortnight.
18. The Rice Millers will purchase paddy at MSP from only those farmers who possess valid farmer's certificate in prescribed format, issued by the Agriculture Development Officer concerned duly counter signed by the local Revenue Authority not below the rank of Revenue Circle Officer.
19. The Millers shall pay the value of paddy purchased by them from the farmers through Account Payee Cheques/Electronic modes.
20. Rice under millers levy may be delivered in 50 kg gunny new bags only. The miller shall comply with the following specifications in connection with the new gunny bags- stenciling of information and colour to be mentioned in each bag are- name and location of the rice mill, rice - raw/parboiled, Group - common/Grade-A, Net weight, crop year KMS 2012/13, Lot/contact number of the rice miller. As regards colour coding in delivery bags, only red colour is to be used for both common and Grade-A varieties. The miller shall machine stitch a rexin slip/ canvas slip 15 cm X 10 cm along with the mouth of each bag on the outer side bearing name of miller, crop year, code number, Net weight, lot number and category of rice etc.
21. In respect of any disputes including quality parameters of rice between the miller and the FCI, a committee headed by the Additional Deputy Commissioner of the District and consisting of District Agriculture Officer, representative of FCI and other technical expert shall resolve the dispute immediately.
22. The Rice Millers may obtain, on application, the Release Certificate for sale of levy free rice in the prescribe format from the competent authority as per the Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Permanent Order, 1995 read with the Assam Paddy and Rice Procurement (Levy and Licensing) Amendment Permanent Order, 2000.

23. The Deputy Commissioner/ Sub-Divisional Officers shall review the progress of procurement in every fortnight in the District/Sub-Divisional level Procurement Committee meeting and submit reports to State Government regularly.
24. The Deputy Commissioner/ Sub-Divisional Officers shall ensure that the enforcement officials under the levy order conduct field inspections and exercise the powers of entry, search and seizure with a view to securing compliance of the Control Order.
25. In addition to above guidelines, the Procurement Agencies may have their own operational guidelines incorporating other technical aspects in conformity with the above guidelines and Central Government instructions already issued /to be issued in connection with Procurement of Paddy /Rice for the KMS-2012-2013 and relevant Act & Rules in force. The matter may be treated as **Extremely Urgent**.

Sd/-

Secretary to the Government of Assam
Food Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs, Department Dispur

Memo No. FSB.150/11/Pt./40-A.

Dated Dispur, the 17th December 2012

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary to the Governor of Assam, Kharghuli, Guwahati-781001.
2. The P. S. to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
3. The P. S. to Hon'ble Minister, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
4. The P. S. to Hon'ble Minister, Agriculture Department, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
5. The Staff Officer to the Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
6. The Agriculture Production Commissioner, Assam, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
7. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Revenue Department, Dispur, Guwahati.
8. The Principal Secretary to the Government of Assam, Co-operation Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
9. The Commissioner and Secretary to the Government of Assam, Agriculture Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
10. The Commissioner & Secretary, Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
11. The Commissioner & Secretary, Finance Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
12. The Commissioner & Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
13. The Commissioner, Lower Assam Division, Guwahati/ Upper Assam Division, Jorhat/Hills and Barak Valley Division, Guwahati/ North Assam Division, Tezpur.
14. The Secretary to the Government of Assam, Co-operation Department, Dispur.
15. The Registrar of Co-operative of Societies, Assam, Samabai Bhawan, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022.
16. The Principal Secretaries, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, Diphu /N.C. Hills Autonomous Council, Haflong/ Bodoland Territorial Autonomous Districts, Kokrajhar.
17. The Additional Director General of Police, Bureau of Investigation (Economic Offences), Sreemantapur, Guwahati-781016.
18. The Commissioner of Taxes, Assam, Kar Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-781006.
19. The Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Assam, Guwahati-5.
20. The Director of Agriculture, Assam, Khanapara, Guwahati-781022.
21. The Chief Executive Officer, Assam, State Agriculture Marketing Board, Ram Krishna Mission Road, Ulubari, Guwahati-781007.
22. The Managing Director, Assam State Warehousing Corporation, G.S. Road, Christianbasti, Guwahati-781005.
23. The Executive Director (Procurement), Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barkhamba Lane, New Delhi-110001.
24. The Executive Director (Finance), Food Corporation of India, 16-20, Barkhamba Lane, New Delhi-110001.
25. The Executive Director, Zonal Office, North East Zone, G.L. Hariloka Publication Building, 6th Floor, Lachit Nagar, Guwahati-781007.
26. The General Manager (Region), Food Corporation of India, Assam Region, G.S. Road, Lachit Nagar, Guwahati-781007.
27. The Director, NIC, Dispur, Guwahati-06. He is requested kindly to transmit the above to the Deputy Commissioners/Sub-Divisional Officers(C) etc., immediately.

By Order etc.,

Deputy Secretary to the Government of Assam,
Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department,
Dispur.