

Government of West Bengal
Food & Supplies Department
11A, MirzaGhalib Street, Kolkata-700087

No. 1345-FS/O/Sectt/Food/4P-16/16(Pt.)

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O R D E R

Decentralized procurement operation which had started from 1st October'2019 in the Kharif Marketing Season(KMS) 2019-20 will continue in the Rabi Marketing Season 2020-21, as well, for procurement of paddy from 1st May'2020 onwards, on the strength of the West Bengal Custom Milled Rice (Obligation & Control) Order, 2015 and subsequent amendments thereof.

2) So far 31.68 LMT paddy from 10.25 lakhs farmers have been procured. Since, the target of paddy procurement has been fixed at 52 LMT in this KMS 2019-20, as approved by the Cabinet, the procurement operation shall continue to fulfill the target of this KMS. District wise and CMR Agency wise target of procurement has been published in the department website, www.procurement.wbfood.in in Annexure – II of the procurement guidelines.

3) All stakeholders shall take immediate necessary measures to continue paddy procurement in the notified CPCs immediately.

4) In view of COVID-19 outbreak, all safety and precautionary measures with adequate mask, sanitizer, soap etc., shall be taken in all paddy procurement camps. All safety equipments may be purchased along with the all other essential already approved items required in connection with procurement operation as notified vide memo no. 818(Sanction) dated 30.09.2019.(Annexure – XVIII of procurement guideline),

5) The intending farmers shall be given an advance program with date and time for selling their produce in staggered manner, after getting confirmation of sufficient labour and vehicle arrangements in each paddy purchase camps, to facilitate social distancing in view of COVID-19 outbreak.

6) The “Annadatri” android application will be put in place in this season immediately in collaboration with the IT Department, Government of West Bengal, for receiving the request from the intending farmers for purchasing paddy at their vicinity by the DPCs/ CMR Agencies. Detailed guidelines in this regard will be published shortly.

7) The WBECSC Ltd. will sign tripartite agreements with the Farmers’ Producer Organisations(FPOs)/ Farmers’ Producer Companies(FPCs), as applicable in the same manner as done with the PACs/ SHGs during the current KMS 2019-20 in pursuance of procurement guidelines dated 11.12.2019., to facilitate paddy purchase at grassroots level. The Agriculture Department has recommended the names of the FPOs/ FPCs, district wise for paddy procurement during the ensuing Boro season, with which the WBECSC Ltd. will sign the tripartite agreements. The list is available at our website.

8) All CMR Agencies shall start paddy procurement immediately from the small and marginal farmers in their notified centers.

This is issued in interest of paddy procurement and PDS.

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4. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Cooperation Department.
5. The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Panchayat and Rural Development Department,
6. The Principal Secretary to the Government of West Bengal, Information & Technology Department.
7. The Advisor (Agriculture) to the Government of West Bengal,
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9. The Managing Director, WBECSC Ltd.,
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13. The Director, Dte. Of Finance, F&S Department,
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