

**Government of West Bengal**  
Food & Supplies Department  
11A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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NOTIFICATION

Decentralized procurement operation which had started from 1<sup>st</sup> October'2020 in the Kharif Marketing Season(KMS) 2020-21 will continue in the Rabi Marketing Season 2021-22, as well, for procurement of Boro paddy, on the strength of the West Bengal Custom Milled Rice (Obligation & Control) Order, 2015 and subsequent amendments thereof.

2) So far 38.70 LMT paddy from 13.53 lakhs farmers have been procured. Since, the target of paddy procurement by the State Government has been fixed at 46 LMT in this KMS 2020-21, as approved by the Cabinet, the procurement operation shall continue to fulfill the target of this season. 6 LMT paddy is to be procured by FCI. FCI has procured only 0.46 LMT of paddy so far.

3) All CPCs and DPCs shall be functional immediately as were earlier.

4) CMR Agencies will be allowed to procure paddy from the small and marginal farmers in the notified centers beyond 5 kilometers of the CPCs to extend the coverage of paddy procurement during the lockdown situation. CMR Agencies should proactively focus on these areas to procure paddy from small and marginal farmers so that they are neither compelled to travel longer distances nor have any difficulty in selling their paddy.

5) Since, new Sub-inspectors, F&S have joined in February 2021, their services should be utilized by DCF&Ss judiciously by making local arrangements in such a way that few additional CPCs and DPCs are established.

6) Additional CPCs, if required, may be opened with required infrastructure and equipments to increase the coverage of paddy procurement. All DCF&Ss are required to identify such new CPC locations and send the requisition of equipments at the earliest. Prior approval of the DLMC shall be taken as per clause 3(ii) of the procurement order no. 2586-FS dated 13.10.2020 before opening additional CPCs.

7) 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. Strict COVID protocols and social distancing have to be maintained in each CPCs and DPCs and procurement centers and camps operated by CMR agencies and SKUSs, SHGs, FPOs/FPCs etc.

8) The intending farmers shall be given an advance program with date and time for selling their produce in staggered manner to facilitate social distancing in view of COVID-19 outbreak. Adequate publicity and intimation to local BDOs, GP and public representatives should be given.

9) All possible steps shall be taken to ensure that paddy purchase from the small and marginal farmers only to avoid any possibility of distress sale.

This is issued in interest of paddy procurement and PDS.

  
Joint Secretary to the Government of West Bengal  
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