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## NOTIFICATION

**Subject: Constitution, functions and responsibilities of District level Monitoring Committee and Sub-Divisional level Monitoring Committee on procurement of paddy and delivery of CMR.**

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). 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 any of the purchase centers as per their choice and convenience within the district. In order to ensure smooth operation of paddy procurement, intense monitoring over the procurement process, CMR delivery by rice mills and to safeguard the interest of farmers, governor is please to reconstitute District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) and Sub-Divisional Level Monitoring Committee (SDLMC) on procurement of paddy and delivery of CMR at each District and Sub-Division level and define its, functions and responsibilities as mentioned below.

**B. Constitution District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC):**

There shall be a **District Level Monitoring Committee** constituted for the purpose of discharging the functions and duties mentioned under these order, West Bengal Custom Milled Rice (Obligation & Control) Order, 2015, Policy and Guidelines and it shall comprise of-

1. District Magistrate	Chairperson
2. Karmadhyaksha of Khadya-O-Sarbaraha Sthayee Samity of Zilla Parishad	Member
3. Additional District Magistrate in-charge of Food Matter -	Member
4. Superintendent of Police, District Enforcement Branch	Member
5. Project Director, DRDC	Member
6. Regional Manager/ Branch Manager of TDCC	Member
7. District Horticulture Officer	Member
8. Area Manager of Food Corporation of India	Member
9. District Information & Cultural Officer	Member
10. Deputy Registrar/ Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies	Member
11. Deputy Director of Agriculture (Administration)	Member
12. Secretary, Regulated Market Committee	Member
13. Agricultural Marketing Officer/Asstt. Director of Agricultural Marketing (Admin.)	Member
14. General Manager, District Industries Center	Member
15. Assistant Controller of Legal Metrology	Member
16. One representative each from the Custom Mill Rice Agencies of the district	Member
17. President and Secretary of Rice Mills Owners' Association of the district	Member
18. District Controller of Food & Supplies -	Member- Convener

Sabhadhipati, Zilla Parishad and Members of Legislative Assembly of the district may be special invitees to the above Committees.

**C. Functions & responsibilities of District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC)-**

The functions, power, role and responsibilities of District Level Monitoring Committee (DLMC) are as mentioned below:

- 1) The District Level Monitoring Committee shall have the power to identify, select and recommend location and areas to be covered for establishment of Centralized Purchase Centers (CPCs) and mobile CPCs.

- 2) The District Level Monitoring Committee shall review the existing CPC and mCPC, identify the proposed location of new purchase centers, if required, well ahead of each procurement season, within 31<sup>st</sup> July each year and after due deliberation and consensus of the committee shall send the proposal for notification of CPC and mCPC within 7<sup>th</sup> August to the Directorate of DDPS for approval of the Department of Food & Supplies for ensuing KMS.
- 3) The District Level Monitoring Committee shall have the power to identify, review, select and recommend location and areas to be covered wherefrom Custom Mill Rice Agencies shall procure paddy through selected Paddy Procuring Societies in the interest of the farmers and the decision of District Level Monitoring Committee in this regard shall be binding on the Custom Mill Rice agencies.
- 4) The District Level Monitoring Committee shall select the Paddy Procuring Societies including Primary Agricultural Credit Society (PACS), Primary Agricultural Marketing Society (PAMS), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)/ Farmer Producers Company (FPC), Large Area Multipurpose Societies (LAMPS) duly proposed by the District Level Selection Committee (DLSC) in the interest of the engagement of good and sound PPS in the procurement operations.
- 5) District Level Monitoring Committee shall be convened at least twice in a month in the peak preparatory and procurement season from August to January. During other months DLMC meeting shall be convened at least once every month.
- 6) DLMC shall discuss and review the preparatory arrangements for the next KMS and matters pertaining to recommendation / review of CPC and mCPC, selection of PPS, empanelment of rice mills, registration and updation of farmer, scheduling of camps, scheduling by farmers, training of POs / DOs and PPS during the peak preparatory and procurement season from August to January.
- 7) DLMC shall review the procurement operations and recovery of CMR in the previous month and adopt appropriate measures for the coming month.
- 8) DLMC shall review and assess the areas / villages which have the potential of selling paddy and advise DCFS and CMR agencies to make plan for covering them through camps.
- 9) DLMC should 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.

- 10) DLMC shall regularly discuss and review the operations related with procurement of paddy through CPC/mCPC and by PPS of CMR Agency in the interest of farmer and delivery of CMR thereof and ensure that the operations are carried out in accordance with the West Bengal Custom Milled Rice (Obligation & Control) Order, 2015, Policy and Guidelines for the KMS and other orders issued from time to time.
- 11) DLMC shall assess the performance of PPS and take necessary decision whether to discontinue a PPS to function in the current KMS or to discontinue in the next KMS. DLMC may propose / recommend or take any penal / legal action, if required, against any defaulter PPS.
- 12) DLMC shall also assess and review the performance of Rice Mills, their reporting to PCs, delivery to assigned godowns, period and frequency of CMR delivery, gap between RRO and delivery, the quantity of paddy delivered to rice mills vis-à-vis their status of CMR delivery during the KMS, mark it as a rice mill of questionable performance or vulnerable rice mill or de-empanelment during the KMS.
- 13) DLMC may propose/ recommend any penal/ legal action, if required, against any rice mill of questionable performance or defaulter rice mill.
- 14) DLMC shall review the application for empanelment for next KMS and make its recommendation regarding Bank Guarantee for each rice mill based on the performance and new rice mill. DLMC shall expeditiously dispose the application of the rice mills who have applied for empanelment in the paddy procurement operation as per the norms of rice mill empanelment.
- 15) DLMC shall take all necessary and appropriate measures to ensure that the interests of the farmers are protected and safeguarded.
- 16) DLMC shall review the functioning of SDLMC and BLMC and issue necessary guidance to enable them discharge their responsibilities in effective and efficient manner.
- 17) DLMC may send proposal to the State Govt. suggesting necessary changes/ modification to the procurement policy and guidelines for better management of procurement operations in the district.
- 18) DLMC shall also review procurement operations undertaken by the Food Corporation of India.
- 19) DLMC shall also perform such other functions and duties as may be entrusted by State Government from time to time for better management of procurement operations.

