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#### ORDER

#### Sub: Online I & QC Module

The commodities supplied through PDS and other government schemes must meet the desired quality standards and be fit for human consumption, necessitating laboratory testing of the same. The quality is monitored through field inspections and collection of samples by the Inspectorate cadre officials in the districts and subordinate field offices, as well as Vigilance Teams of the Directorate of I&QC and other directorates, subsequent lab testing of the samples and necessary follow-up action. Directorate of I&QC and IT&R Cell of this Department have been working together on the creation of an online I&QC module for sometime past so that these functions can be supported by an automated Inspection & Quality Control Module in the supply chain portal for streamlining the processes.

The concerned officials/stakeholders can now access the functions and menus related to Inspection & Quality Control Module in the Supply chain portal (<a href="https://food.wb.gov.in/food/UserLogin/Login.aspx">https://food.wb.gov.in/food/UserLogin/Login.aspx</a>). It will enable online sample data capture, transparent tracking of the sample movement and faster lab results to enhance efficiency. An SOP detailing the user guidelines on how to proceed with the sample collection and forwarding to the labs in the online module is enclosed herewith.

Further, the obligation and responsibility of the empanelled flour mills regarding testing of milled Wholemeal Atta at their in-house labsand, on passing the quality analysis tests, inputting/uploading the batch-wise sample details including batch no., date of production, date of expiry and test values found against the specified quality parameters on the Department's portal using their login credentials shall be started w.r.t. allocation of July-2025.

Enclo: SOP for Inspection & Quality Control Module

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal No. 2394/1(8)-FS/Sectt/Food/4M-06/18

Dated: 20/06/2025

Copy forwarded for information and taking necessary action to:

- 1. The Director of DDP&S, Food & Supplies Department.
- 2. The Director of Rationing, Food & Supplies Department.
- 3. The Director of I & QC, Food & Supplies Department.
- 4. The Special Secretary (IT&R Cell), Food & Supplies Department. He is requested to implement the module in the portal.
- 5. The PS to MIC, Food & Supplies Department.
- 6. The PS to MOS, Food & Supplies Department.
- 7. The District Controller, Food & Supplies (All).
- 8. The JDR/DDR (AII).

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal

#### SOP for Inspection & Quality Control Module

#### 1. INTRODUCTION:

The commodities supplied through PDS and other government schemes must meet the desired quality standards and be fit for human consumption, necessitating laboratory testing before distribution. The quality is monitored through field inspections and collection of samples by the inspecting officials in the districts and subordinate field offices, as well as vigilance teams of the Directorate of I&QC, subsequent lab testing of the samples and necessary follow up action. These functions are now to be supported by an automated **Inspection & Quality Control Module** in the supply chain portal for streamlining the processes. It will enable online sample data capture, transparent tracking of the sample movement and faster lab results to enhance efficiency.

# 2. GOVT. ORDERS / RULES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR SAMPLING:

- i) BIS method for sampling- IS:14818-2000 (as amended from time to time).
- ii) Policy and Guidelines for procurement of paddy from farmers at MSP during KMS 2024-25 vide 3901–FS/Sectt./Food/4P-18/2024 Dtd. 27/09/2024.
- iii) West Bengal Targeted Public Distribution System (Empanelment of Flour Mill, Milling of Atta and its distribution) Guidelines, 2024 vide Memo no. 3842-FS dated 01/10/2024 (including its amendments).

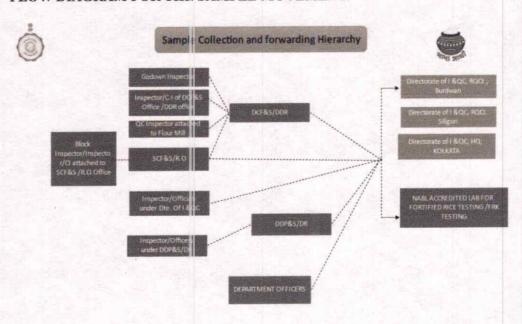
#### 3. PORTAL ADDRESS

The concerned officials can access the functions and menus related to **Inspection & Quality Control Module** in the Supply chain portal (<a href="https://food.wb.gov.in/food/UserLogin/Login.aspx">https://food.wb.gov.in/food/UserLogin/Login.aspx</a>) and proceed as per the user guidelines provided below:

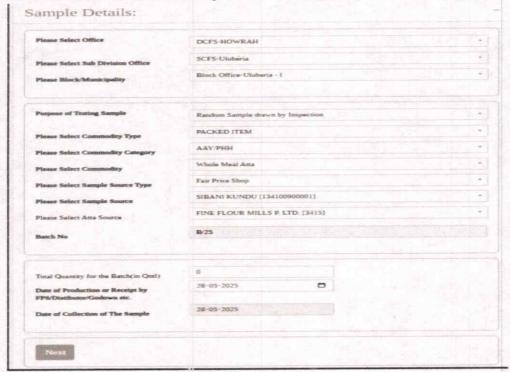
#### 4. SAMPLE COLLECTION & FORWARDING

- 4.1 ROLES ASSIGNED: The sample drawing official can be any officer of the Department, an officer/inspector of Directorate of DDP&S / Dte. Of Rationing / Other Directorates, DCF&S, SCF&S, JDR/DDR, RO, Chief Inspector, Block/Area Inspector, Godown Inspector, inspecting staff / Officer attached to Dte. Of I&QC, QC-trained Inspector attached to Flour Mill etc.
- 4.2 After collecting the samples following the norms (as referred above) it should be forwarded for quality analysis, through the portal as per jurisdictional hierarchy e.g. a block inspector would be able to forward samples to the concerned SCF&S who in turn can send the sample for testing to any of the three (3) testing labs under Dte. of I&QC or the empaneled NABL accredited lab (only for FR or FRK) or forward it to the concerned DCF&S who can, in turn, forward the samples for testing.

#### FLOW DIAGRAM FOR THE SAMPLE MOVEMENT:



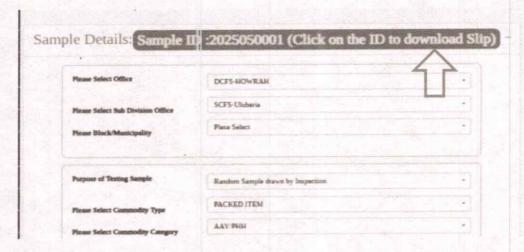
- 4.3 Sample Collection in the portal:
- 4.3.1 First, the sample collecting official shall have to login to the supply chain portal.
- 4.3.2 Navigate to the menu Inspection and Quality Control > Sample Collection.
- 4.3.3 And enter the details of the sample in the following Sample Collection page:



- 4.3.4 The commodities have been broadly classified as packed items and non-packed items to allow for certain distinctions in the sample collection page. Commodities that occur in packaged conditions having date of production/packing, best before date, Batch no. etc. such as Wholemeal Atta, whose samples are to be collected in intact packages are classified as packed items, whereas foodgrains such fortified rice, wheat etc. whose samples are generally representative samples drawn from several bags are classified as non-packed items.
- 4.3.5 After entering all the relevant fields pertaining to the sample and clicking on the Next button, a preview is generated.



4.3.6 Now the user can either click the Back button to go back and make any changes or he may click the Save button to generate the Sample ID.

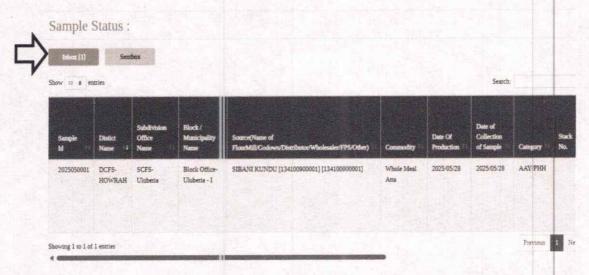


4.3.7 The green bar indicating the sample ID can be clicked to generate Sample Slips in quadruplicate. However during forwarding there is another provision for printing the sample slip, as described later.

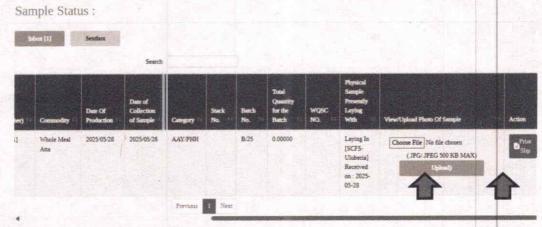
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Sample ID: 2025050001	Sample ID: 2025050001
Commodity: AAY/PHH [Whole Meal Atte]	Commodity: AAY/PHH [Whole Meal Atta]
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Commodity: AAY/PHH [Whole Meal	Commodity: AAY/PHH [Whole Meal
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- 4.3.8 The sample slips shall bear only the sample ID and the name of the commodity. The sample collecting official shall also put across his/her signature and that of the representative of the sample source unit in all the sample slips. They may be printed thereafter on-site and inserted within double cover in all samples before sealing them.
- 4.3.9 However it may happen at certain locations like FPSs, etc. where it is not feasible to get the sample slips printed. In that case the sample collecting official may carry pre-printed sample slips (format enclosed as Annexure A for reference) where the sample ID and commodity name are blank. These may be handwritten after sample collection and Sample ID generation in the portal.

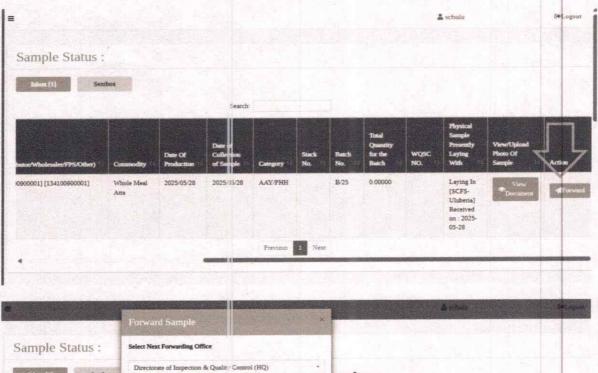
- 4.4 Sample Forwarding:
- 4.4.1 The user is to navigate to the menu Inspection and Quality Control > Sample Forwarding.
- 4.4.2 In the **Inbox** rows of samples which have been collected through the module by a particular user, are displayed along with Sample ID and other details.

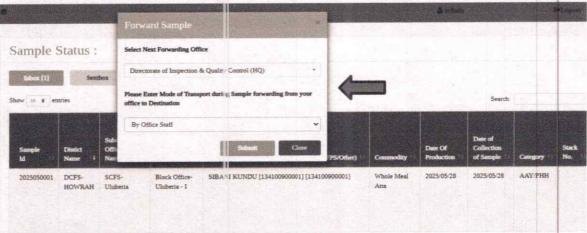


4.4.3 For the Forward button to be active, "Print Sample Slip" is to be clicked whereby sample slips can be generated in quadruplicate.



4.4.4 After uploading a photograph of the sealed sample with its accompanying slip, the official may proceed to forward it to the next designated office in the hierarchy, selecting both the recipient office and preferred transportation method in the dialogue box.

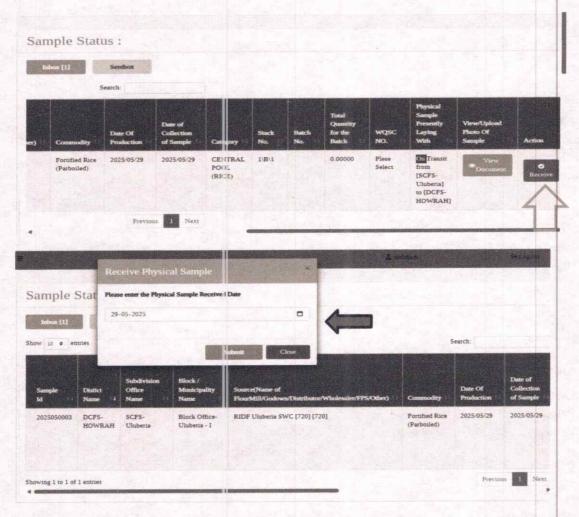




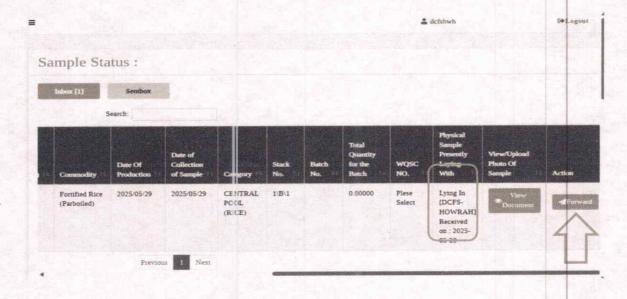
- 4.4.5 After forwarding, this sample will be reflected in the sent box of the official.
- 4.4.6 The sample status can also be viewed under INQC Reports> Sample Status.

# 5. RECEIVING & FORWARDING SAMPLES BY INTERMEDIATE OFFICES.

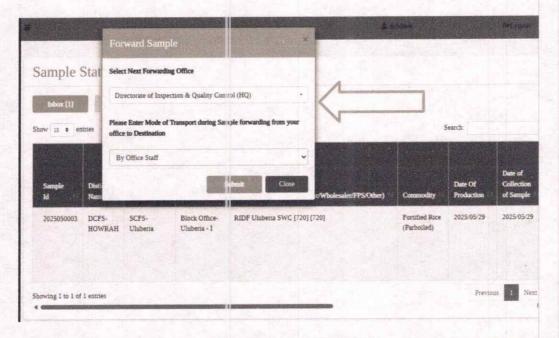
- 5.1 ROLES ASSIGNED: SCF&S/RO/DDR/DCF&S/DR/DDP&S.
- 5.2 In cases, where a sample is collected and then forwarded through intermediate offices in the channel as per hierarchy (please refer to the above Sample Flow Diagram pg.2) for final testing, the sample is to be first received and then forwarded in the manner already described e.g. when a block inspector draws samples from FPS points, he/she has to first send it to the concerned SCF&S, who in turn shall receive it first and then forward it to either DCF&S or directly to one of the labs for testing.
- 5.3 Once a sample is forwarded, this will appear under the menu Inspection & Quality Control > Sample Forwarding > Inbox. On receiving the physical sample, it is to be received in the portal by clicking on the Receive button and by entering the date of receipt in the dialogue box.



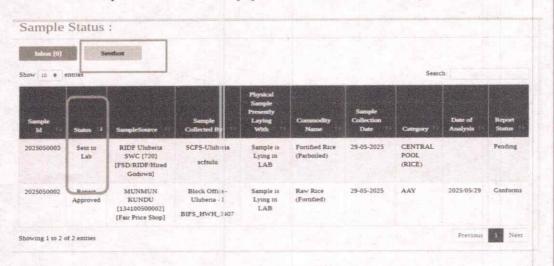
5.4 Once the sample is received its status will show where it has been received and date of receipt. Under the **Action Column** the **Forward** button will be active and the sample can be forwarded to the next office or to the required lab for quality testing.



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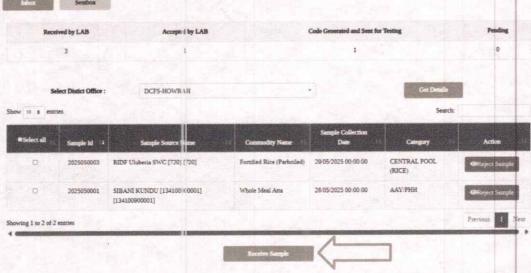
5.5 The samples once sent will be populated in the Sent box, along with the present status.



#### 6. RECEIVING SAMPLES.

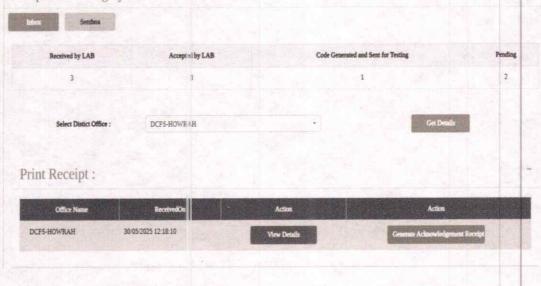
- 6.1 ROLES ASSIGNED: SAMPLE RECEIVER UNDER DTE. OF I&QC / RQCL LABS.
- 6.2 Once the samples are digitally forwarded, the sealed samples (in duplicate) are to be physically forwarded to Dte. of I&QC / designated RQCL labs / NABL lab.
- 6.3 On receiving the physical sample, the sample receiving staff is to login in the supply chain portal and navigate to the menu Inspection & Quality Control > Sample Receive.

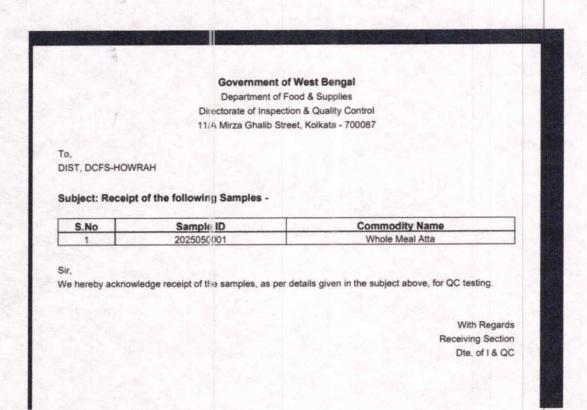




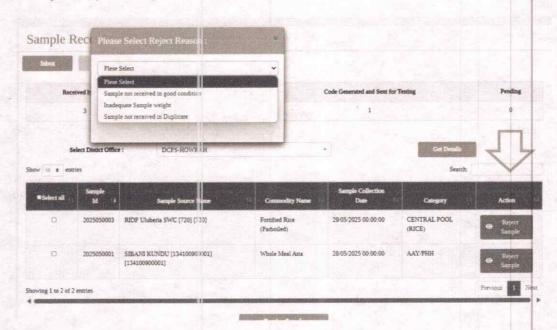
- 6.4 After selecting the district from dropdown menu, the samples which have been forwarded for testing from that particular district will be shown in the grid.
- 6.5 Now the physical samples should be verified whether they are received in good condition, sealed properly, are of adequate weight, are in duplicate etc. On satisfaction, after selecting the relevant samples through the checkboxes, the Receive Sample button is to be pressed and a window open for generating an Acknowledgement Receipt as illustrated below. Multiple samples can be selected for receipt.

# Sample Receiving by Lab:





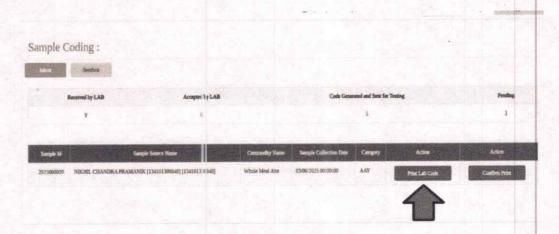
6.6 However if any of the sample fails to meet the stipulated required for testing, it can be rejected by selecting the reason.



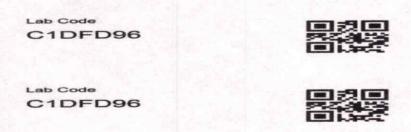
#### 7. SAMPLE CODING & FORWARDING TO LAB FOR TESTING

7.1 ROLES ASSIGNED: SAMPLE CODER UNDER DTE. OF I&QC / RQCL LABS.

- 7.2 Once the samples have been received, they are to be physically moved to the coding room for generating lab code.
- 7.3 The concerned user shall navigate to the menu Inspection and Quality Control > Sample Coding.

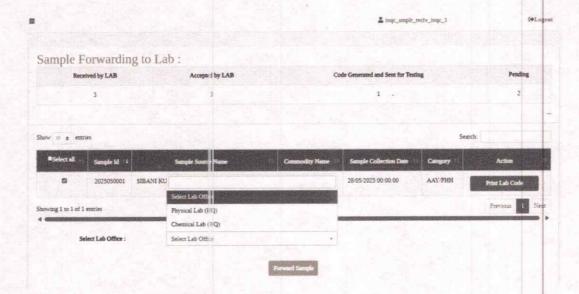


7.4 After selecting the relevant sample ID and on clicking the "**Print lab code**" button, 2 stickers with same lab codes are generated against a sample.



- 7.5 The contents of the sample to be sent to lab for testing, is to be poured into a separate pouch and sealed. One of the stickers should be pasted on it, such that at the lab during testing no other details of the sample other than lab code is visible.
- 7.6 The other sticker is to be pasted on the duplicate sample which is to be preserved, as per norms.
- 7.7 Thereafter by clicking on the "Confirm Print" button and selecting OK in the dialogue box the sample can be forwarded to the physical or chemical lab, depending on the commodity type, by clicking on the Forward Sample button in the portal and also physically.

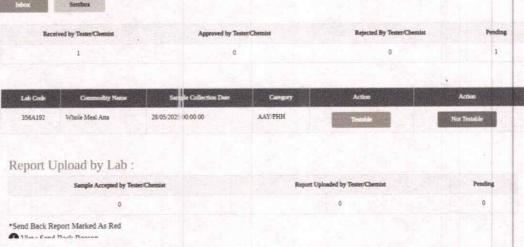




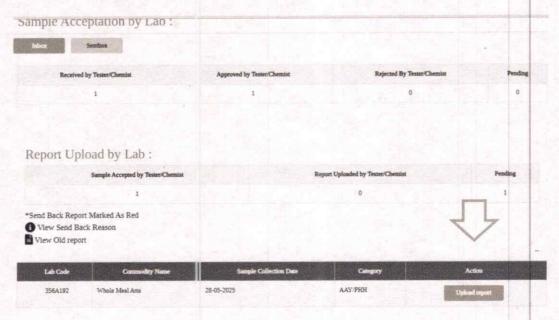
#### 8. SAMPLE TESTING IN THE LABORATORY

- 8.1 ROLES ASSIGNED: CHEMIST/PHYSICAL LAB TESTER UNDER DTE. OF I&QC / RQCL LABS.
- 8.2 Once the physical samples, bearing lab code only, is received at the laboratory for testing, the Chemist or the tester in the physical lab can log in in to the portal, to accept the sample for testing by clicking on the button "Testable". In case the sample is unfit for testing, he/she can mark it as non-testable assigning proper reason and the sample will be rejected.

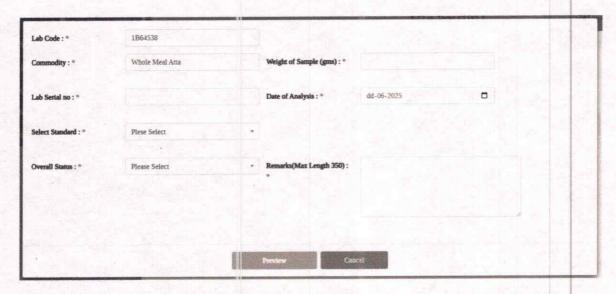




8.3 On selecting it as testable the chemist or the physical lab tester now can enter the test report against the sample by clicking on the "Upload report" button.



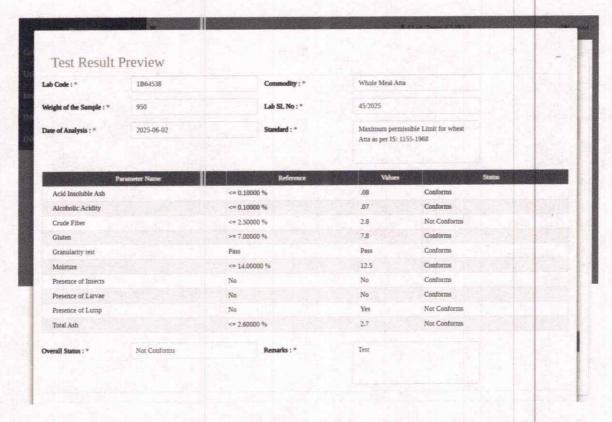
8.4 The details of sample such as weight, lab register sl. no. etc. are to be entered and testing standards/specifications against the particular commodity is to be selected.



8.5 On selecting the testing standard, the parameters along with their acceptable limits are displayed, which are pre-set in the system. The test results are to be entered against the parameters.



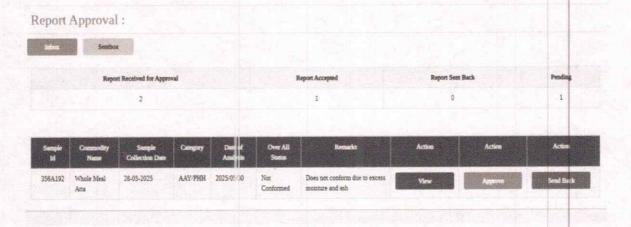
- 8.6 The results which conform against the passing ranges are shown is green and those that do not are shown in red.
- 8.7 The overall test result can be selected and remarks are to be entered.
- 8.8 On clicking the preview button, the entered values can be seen again. On confirming and saving the report, the prepared report appears under login of approving official.



- 8.9 In case of any error, the user can click on the Back button and re-enter the correct values.
- 8.10 Once a report is submitted for approval, it appears in the Sentbox of the Chemist/Physical lab tester.

#### 9. REPORT APPROVAL:

- 9.1 ROLES ASSIGNED: APPROVING OFFICER (AD, I &QC /DD, I &QC).
- 9.2 The reports submitted by the Chemist appear in the inbox of the approving official for final acceptance.
- 9.3 User to navigate to the menu Inspection and Quality Control > Report Approval.
- 9.4 The report can be viewed and then either be approved or sent back for any corrections.

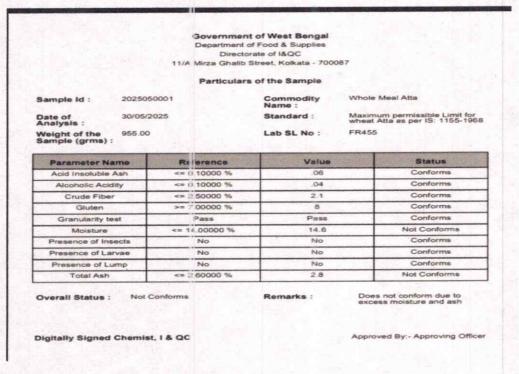


#### 10. VIEWING TEST REPORTS, SAMPLE STATUS & MIS:

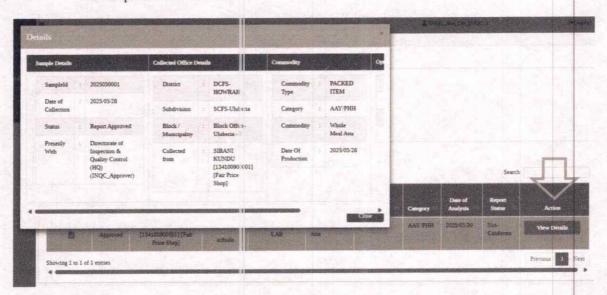
- 10.1 Roles assigned: Officers of the Department, an officer/inspector of Directorate of DDP&S/Dte. Of Rationing / Other Directorates, DCF&S, SCF&S, JDR/DDR, RO, Chief Inspector, Block/Area Inspector, Godown Inspector, inspecting staff / Officers attached to Dte. Of I&QC, QC-trained Inspector attached to Flour Mill etc. (as per jurisdiction in hierarchy)
- 10.2 Once the report is approved, the status will be updated likewise and the reports can be downloaded in each of logins the samples passed through, under the menu Inspection and Quality Control > INQC Reports> Sample Status Reports. In case a sample does not conform to the standards, it is shown in red and otherwise it is shown in green. Last updated status can also be viewed for those samples whose reports are pending.

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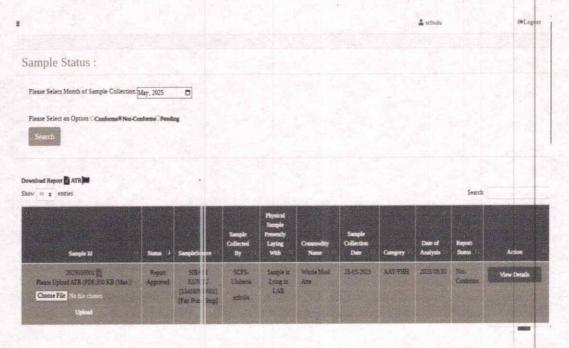
10.3 On clicking the icon under the **Sample ID**, the detailed report can be viewed and downloaded in .pdf format. An illustration is given below as an example.



10.4 Further on clicking on the "View details" button, all details captured during collection of the sample can be viewed.

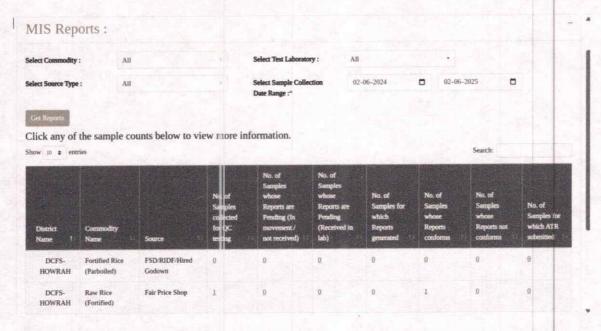


10.5 In case of non-conforming/failed samples, there is a provision for uploading Action Taken Report (ATR) by the official from whom the sample was last forwarded for testing.

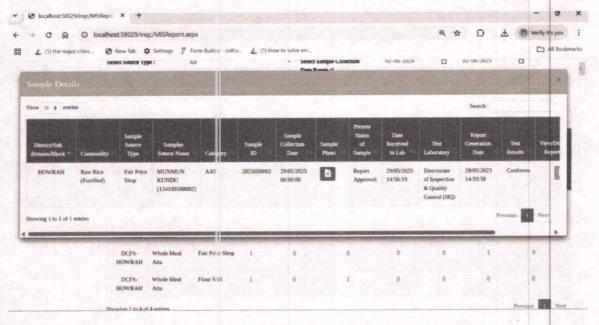


10.6 Under the menu — "Inspection and Quality Control > INQC Reports > MIS reports", by selecting the commodity, test laboratory, sample source type & date range of sample collection, the district wise count of number of samples collected for testing, whose reports are pending, no. of samples whose reports have been generated, whose reports conform and do not conform, for those against which ATR has been submitted etc. can be viewed as per jurisdictional hierarchy.

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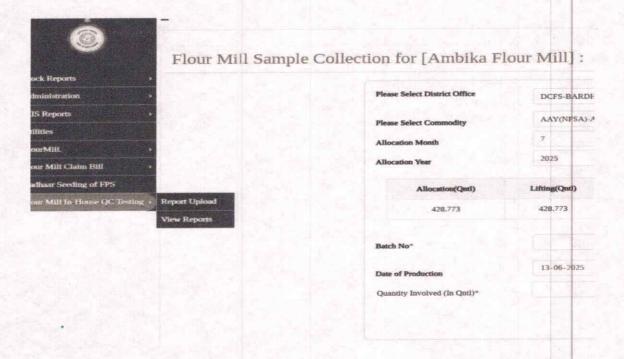
10.7 Also on clicking the figures in any of the columns, details of individual samples can be viewed. An illustration is given below:



# 11. IN-HOUSE ANALYSIS OF WHOLEMEAL ATTA SAMPLES BY EMPANELLED FLOUR MILLERS:

- 11.1 Roles Assigned: All empaneled Flour Millers.
- 11.2 The empaneled flour mills are to deliver Wholemeal atta to the distributors, after due quality analysis by a qualified analyst/chemist at the in-house laboratory of the flour mill, within maximum two (2) days from the date of production.
- 11.3 For inputting the test results of Batch-wise samples, the flour millers are to login to the Supply chain portal and navigate to the menu Flour Mill In-house QC Testing > Report Upload. Then enter the batch no., quantity against the batch, Date Page 18 of 22

of production, allocation month & year etc. The Allocation Qty. for the selected month, quantity lifted, quantity for which representative samples have passed QC test, Delivery quantity are also shown in a table for reference.



Flour Mill Sample Collection for [Somnath Flour Mills Pvt. Ltd.]:



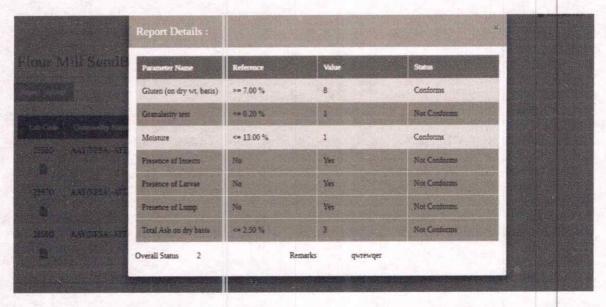
11.4 Test results of the representative sample against the quantity involved, can be entered in the "Report Section", against the test parameters and submitted. Passing ranges for individual parameters as per testing standards are pre-set in the system and whether test values conform or doesn't conform against the passing

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limits are auto-generated by the system.

Report Se	ction			
Weight of Sample (gms) : *	950			
ab Serial no : *	43/2025	Date of An	alysis; * 14-06-2025	
Select Standard: *	Maximum Per ra	ssibl •		
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Te	st Parameter	Reference	Values	
Gluten (on dry w	basis)	>= 7.00 %	9	
Granularity test		<= 0.20 %	.02	
Moisture		<= 13.00 %	12.5	
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Presence of Larve	ie	No	CYes *No	
		No	CYes ®No	
Presence of Lump				
		<= 2.50 %	18	

11.5 The submitted test results, whether they conform or does not conform, can be viewed from the "View Reports" menu as shown below:



Against the allocation for a particular month, the flour mills can deliver for lifting i.e. challan can be generated, for only that quantity against a batch, for which in- house test reports have been submitted in portal and has conformed to the prescribed quality standards. If atta of any batch produced by the flour miller does not conform to the specifications, the entire batch should be reprocessed /replaced, as the case may be, by the miller at his own cost and the test results are to be entered afresh, following the same process.

### 12. NODAL OFFICIALS

Any queries and issues regarding the portal may be addressed to Lagnajit Sen, AD, I & QC, or Sourav Ghosh, AD, I & Reforms Cell.

# 13. TRAINING

- Initial training to be carried out with one Nodal Officer from each Directorates, District & Sub-Controller.
- ii. Nodal Officers will become Master Trainer.
- iii. Refresher training will be carried on regular basis.

#### Annexure - A

Format of pre-printed Sample Slips to be used where it cannot be printed on-site.

SAMPLE SLIP	SAMPLE SLIP
Sample ID	Sample ID
COMMODITY	COMMODITY
CATEGORY	CATEGORY
Signature (with date) of the  Representative of the Unit from where sample was  Signature (with date) of the Sample Drawing Official	Signature (with date) of the Representative of the Unit from where sample was  Signature (with date) of the Sample Drawing Official
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