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No. 4980 -FS/Sectt./Food/4P-18/2024

Date: 24.12.2024

ORDER

Sub: Extension of relaxation in Paddy Holding Limit on the Bank Guarantee submitted by Rice Mills.

In clause no. 14.2 of the order vide no. 3901-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-18/2024 dated 27th September, 2024, it was stated that the Government may consider relaxation on paddy holding limit on the Bank Guarantee (BG) to encourage early participation of Rice Mills in paddy procurement in KMS 2024-25.

In the interest of paddy procurement and to encourage the good performing Rice Mills, the Government in Food &Supplies Department issued order vide no. 4219-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-18/2024 dated 30/10/2024 to provide relaxations in paddy holding limit to the Rice Mills falling under category A, B & C of the order and who have submitted BG and executed agreements (BA-I and BA-II) as below:

Date of submission of BG and Agreements BA-I and at least one BA-II	Extent of relaxation in paddy holding limit
within 21.10.24	3 times
within 30.10.24	2.5 times
within 06.11.24	2 times
within 13.11.24	1.5 times

Paddy procurement has picked up well and average procurement per day has reached to almost 1 LMT which has resulted in the exhaustion of paddy holding limit of most of the Rice Mills. Now, in the interest of providing benefit to the small & marginal farmers and to continue paddy procurement smoothly, the Government in Food & Supplies Department, in partial modification of the aforesaid order, has decided to extend relaxation in paddy holding limit to the Rice Mills on the additional Bank Guarantee submitted by them on or before 31.12.2024 as per the BG fixed for the category of the Rice Mill according to their date of submission of first BG and execution of agreements (BA-I and at least on BA-II). For example, if a Rice Mill submitted their first BG and signed agreements BA-I & at least one BA-II before 21.10.2024 and then submitted additional BG on different dates within 31.12.2024 that Rice Mill will be eligible to get 3 times relaxation in paddy holding limit for the entire BG submitted and the relaxation will be available till 31.01.2025. Similarly, if a Rice Mill submitted additional BG on different dates that Rice Mill will be eligible to get 2.5 times relaxation till 31.01.2025 in paddy holding limit for the entire BG submitted on or before 31.12.2024 and so on. This relaxation will be available till 31.01.2025.

Other terms and conditions of the order no. 4219-FS/Sectt./Food/4P-18/2024 dated 30/10/2024 will remain unchanged.

This is issued with the approval of the competent authority and in the interest of paddy procurement.

Special Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal Food & Supplies Department

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- 1. The Director, Directorate of DDP&S, F&S Department.
- 2. The District Magistrate (All except Kalimpong).
- 3. The Special Secretary (ITR Cell), F&S Department.
- 4. The Joint Secretary (Procurement), F&S Department.
- 5. The Director, Directorate of Finance, F&S Department.
- 6. The DCF&Ss (All except Kalimpong).
- 7. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MIC, F&S Department.
- 8. The P.S. to the Hon'ble MOS, F&S Department.
- 9. The President / Secretary / Treasurer, Bengal Rice Mill Association.

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal Food & Supplies Department

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