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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Food and Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated, the 26-01-
2023

To,

The Chairman and Managing Director,
Food Corporation of India,
16-20, Barakhamba Lane.

Subject: Policy for sale of wheat and rice in the open market through
Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) {OMSS (D)} for the year
2023 -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to convey the approval of the competent authority on Policy for sale of excess stocks of Wheat and Rice, i.e. in excess of buffer stocking norms, to bulk consumers/State Governments/UTs in the open market under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) through e-auction **for calendar year 2023** as follows:-

Sale of food grains to private parties under OMSS (D)

1. Wheat

- 1.1 The Reserve price for following categories of wheat for sale from Punjab, Haryana and Madhya Pradesh is fixed as under:
 - (a) Rs 2350/Qtl for FAQ wheat of all crops including RMS 2023-24.
 - (b) Rs 2300/Qtl for URS wheat of all crops including RMS 2023-24.
- 1.2 For fixation of reserve price for e-auction to private parties in other States, rail freight ex-Ludhiana to nearest railhead and road transportation cost from railhead to depot to be added to above reserve price, if the offered stocks have been moved from Punjab/Haryana and in case the offered stocks have been transported from Madhya Pradesh, freight ex-Bhopal be added to above reserve price.
- 1.3 No sale to be undertaken during the procurement period in the procuring Regions.

2. Rice

2.1 The Reserve price of rice under OMSS(D) Policy is fixed as under:

(a) Rs. 2000/- Qtl. (Pan India) for Pvt. Parties participating in the ethanol production under Bio-fuel policy.

(b) Rs. 2400/- Qtl. for other Private Parties under e-auction only, except for those who participate in OMC tenders for production of ethanol for whom price is Rs. 2,000/ctl.

(c) Rs. 73/Qtl may be added to the above base price of rice, where fortified rice is offered for sale.

2.2 Private parties (other than the private parties participating in the ethanol production) purchase may not be allowed to purchase rice, in surplus procuring states during procurement period of paddy under OMSS (D).

2.3 Sale of rice in deficit procuring States to private parties may be allowed during procurement period of paddy. However, for conducting such e-auction, DFPD will give permission on case to case basis.

Sale of food grains to State Govts under OMSS (D)

3. Wheat

3.1 States may be allowed to purchase wheat from FCI for their own schemes at reserve prices at sub-paras of para 1 above of Open Sale applicable for respective depots.

3.2 States may be allowed to purchase wheat without participating in e-auction.

4. Rice

4.1 States may be allowed to purchase rice (including fortified rice) from FCI for their own schemes at the rate of Rs 3400/ctl. (Pan India).

4.2 States may be allowed to purchase rice without participating in e-auction.

5. The prices for Open Sale will be applicable up to 31st of December 2023 or till further orders whichever is earlier.

6. In view of uncertainties of procurement/additional allocations, the quantum of stocks to be offloaded, and timing, considering stock

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holding at the relevant point of time for all the schemes may be decided by DFPD.

7. The mode of sale of wheat and rice through e- auction will be same as undertaken during previous years and as decided from time to time.

8. This issue with the approval of Competent Authority.

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All State Governments/UTs

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- iii. Secretary, Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.

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