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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 17-01-2025

To,

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

Subject: Policy for sale of rice in the open market through Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS (D)) for the year 2024-25 -reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS (D)) Policy for the year 2024-25, issued vide this Departments letter of even No. dated 09.07.2024 and 07.01.2025 and to convey the revised provision for sale of rice stocks in excess of buffer stocking norms, under OMSS (D), or till further orders, whichever is earlier,as follows:-

RICE

i. **Reserve price of Rice : -**

Sl No	Category	Reserve Price (Rs./qtl) (PAN India)*
1	Sale of Rice to Private Parties and Cooperatives/ Cooperative Federations through e-auction	2800/-
2	Sale of Rice from FCI depots to Small Private Traders/Entrepreneurs/ Individuals	2800/-
3	Sale of Rice to State Governments and Corporations of State Governments without participating in e-auction	2250/-
4	Sale of rice to Central cooperative organizations, like NAFED/NCCF/ Kendriya Bhandar (Retail Sale) for sale under 'Bharat' brand through own stores/mobile vans and/or E-commerce/big chain retailers only	2400/-
5	Sale of Rice to Community Kitchens	2250/-
6	Sale of Rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol	2250/- (Fixed)

* i.e no additional transportation cost to be added

- i. No additional subsidy from PSF should be provided for items at SI no (1)-(3) above.
- ii. E-auction/direct sale as per SI no (1) and (2) above can be done only in deficit regions and during both non-procurement period and procurement period. During procurement period in deficit regions, FCI to ensure that sale of Rice during procurement period is restricted to varieties of rice that are not being procured in the State during the Procurement period.
- iii. Sale of rice to Central cooperative organizations like NAFED/ NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar will be allowed in procuring regions as well as consuming regions during procurement period of paddy.
- iv. Sale of Bharat Brand of rice to institutional buyers like hostels, religious institutions, charitable organizations, hospitals is allowed.
- v. Sale of 'Bharat' brand of rice through private millers is not permitted.
- vi. Sale of rice to State Governments under OMSS(D) is restricted only to non-surplus States which require additional rice to meet their requirements.
- vii. Quantum of stocks to be offloaded, and timing, considering stocks holding at the relevant point of time may be decided by FCI in consultation with DFPD after keeping the stocks for PDS requirement, Buffer Norms and additional quantity of 30 LMT that can be used in case of any exigency.
- viii. The supply of FCI rice can be affected by ethanol distilleries in both deficit and surplus states all through the year. Further, with regard to FCI rice supplied for ethanol production, inter-alia the following modalities shall be adopted:
 - a. Sale of FC1 rice for ethanol production will only be allowed to distilleries registered with OMCs as suppliers of ethanol.
 - b. Distilleries along with a copy of signed contract with OMCs regarding supply of ethanol may approach the FCI depot of their choice.
 - c. FCI will allocate the rice as per the quantity of ethanol allocated to distilleries in their contract with OMCs.
 - d. Distilleries to provide a copy of certificate issued by OMCs regarding supply of ethanol.
 - e. The OMCs would be furnishing details of quantity of ethanol produced from FCI rice, received at respective depot every month.
 - ix. a. Reserve price for sale of Rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol as indicated in SI. No. 6 above, is fixed for a total quantity not exceeding 24 LMT. For this purpose, old rice should be utilized to the extent feasible.
 - b. Tender under Cycle 3 (C3) for the supply of about 110 crore litres of ethanol during ESY 2024-25 should be restricted to ethanol produced using FCI rice.
 - c. In case of shortage in supply of ethanol produced from maize/other category of feedstock, as allotted during ESY 2024-25, the shortfall may be allotted to ethanol produced using FCI rice.
 - x. Reserve price, is fixed for sale of Rice to State Governments and

Corporations of State Governments without participating in e-auction as indicated in Sl. No. 3 above and to the Community Kitchens as indicated in Sl. No. 5 above for a total quantity not exceeding 12 LMT.

2. OMSS(D) Policy for 2024-25 communicated earlier vide letters of even number dated 9.07.2024 , 07.01.2025 and this letter dated 17.01.2025 will be valid till 30.06.2025.
3. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Gokul Nagarkoti)
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

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- iii. Secretary, Department of Commerce, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi.
- iv. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.

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