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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 : 07.01.2025

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 to say that relaxation in certain provisions regarding reserve price of rice in the OMSS (D) policy for the year 2024-25 was considered by competent authority. I am further directed to convey the revised provision for sale of rice stocks in excess of buffer stocking norms, under OMSS (D) for the year 2024-25 upto 31.03.2025, or till further orders, whichever is earlier,as follows:-

RICE

Reserve price of Rice :-

SI 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 State owned Corporations without participating in e-auction	2800/-
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	2400/-
6	Sale of Rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol	2800/- (Fixed)

* i.e no additional transportation cost to be added

w.e.f. 01.07.2024 to 31.03.2025

- 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 FCI 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.

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Gokul Nagarkoti)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for information to:-

- i. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, North Block, New Delhi.
- ii. Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, KrishiBhawan, New Delhi.
- iii. Secretary, Department of Commerce, UdyogBhawan, New Delhi.

Copy also to:-

1. PS to Hon'ble Minister of Finance
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister for CA, F&PD
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