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No. 8-6/2017-S&I
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food and Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,
Dated the 14th December, 2017

To

The Secretary,
Department of Food and Consumer Protection,
Govt. of Bihar, Old Secretariat, Patna,
Bihar - 800 015.

Subject: Relaxation in Uniform Specifications of Paddy for Kharif crop (Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18) in Bihar - regarding.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. प्र.10/ख.वि.अधि/06/2017/4288 dt. 24.08.2017 and प्र.10/ख.वि.अधि/06/2017/6317 dated 12.12.2017, seeking relaxation in specification of Paddy for Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18 in respect of Bihar.

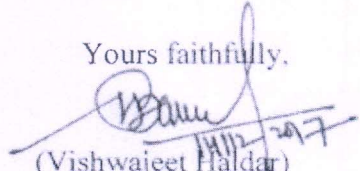
2. In order to reduce hardship of farmers and to scale up the paddy procurement in Bihar under 'Eastern India Procurement Enhancement Policy', it has been decided to procure paddy in the State of Bihar with the following relaxations to ensure MSP to farmers and to avoid distress sale for KMS 2017-18

The limit of moisture content in paddy grain may be **allowed upto 19% against the existing limit of 17% with full value cut upto 31.01.2018** as 'One time exception' subject to the following conditions:

- i. The State Government should endeavor to develop driage facilities at procuring stage;
- ii. The responsibility for quantity loss and spoilage loss will be beared by the State and no compensation would be admissible from the Central Govt.;
- iii. No relaxation in Out Turn Ratio may be allowed;
- iv. State Government shall maintain separate account for paddy procured under relaxed specifications;
- v. State Government may also ensure that relaxed paddy so procured is immediately milled to avoid any deterioration. The resultant rice should conform to Uniform Specifications;
- vi. No stocks shall be handed over to FCI under any exchange arrangements;
- vii. Any financial or operational implications as a result of this relaxation will be the responsibility of the State Government.

3. The above relaxation will be in operation with immediate effect and will remain applicable upto 31.01.2018.

Yours faithfully,


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