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No. 167(32)/72-PY.1
Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation
(Department of Food)

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New Delhi-1, the 9th July, 1975

From:

A.K. Agarwal,
Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

To

The Managing Director,
Food Corporation of India,
New Delhi.

Subject:-- Distribution of foodgrains at principal distribution
centres of hill States-reimbursement of transport cost.

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Sir,

In its report on the price policy for Kharif cereals for 1971-72, the Agricultural Prices Commission inter-alia recommended that "population in Hill States being generally poor, the pooled price for grains issued out of the Union Government stocks should be for delivery at the principal distribution centres in such States". While the rail freight incurred on the movement of foodgrains issued from the Central stocks is included in the Central issue prices, the road transport charges for their further movement from rail heads is incurred by the State Governments.

2. In case of hill States, the number of rail heads is limited and the cost of moving grains by road to the interior is heavy. The people in the hilly areas have, therefore, to bear an additional burden on account of lack of rail transport facilities. The question as to how the extra burden caused to these State Governments/Union Territories in the movement of foodgrains could be reimbursed has been examined by the Central Government.

3. It has been decided that the benefit of the pool issue price of foodgrains issued out of the Central stocks be extended in the case of supplies to a number of important distribution centres in the hill State/Union Territories having no rail heads/FCI's godowns. The FCI should open godowns at the principal distribution centres wherever possible or reimburse the State Governments/Union Territories the cost of transportation upto these centres. A list containing the principal distribution centres in the hill States/Union Territories is attached.

4. The following conditions are, however, to be observed by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations while utilising the transport reimbursement received from the FCI.

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(i) Full benefits of the transport subsidy should be passed on the consumers by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(ii) Where the State Governments are already giving some subsidy they should consider passing on the same quantum of subsidy by opening more interior distribution centres not covered by these recommendations; and

(iii) In the exceptional case of J&K where the State Government is already giving not only transport subsidy but substantial price subsidy to the consumers, the relief which the Government of J&K will get on account of this transport subsidy will be taken into account by the Plan Finance Division while dealing with their resource gap problem.

5. This order will come into force with effect from 1.0.75.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(A.K. Agarwal)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Secretary,
Supply & Transport Department,
Arunachal Administration, SHILLONG.
2. The Secretary to the Government of Himachal Pradesh,
Food & Supplies Department, SIMLA.
3. The Secretary to the Government of Jammu & Kashmir,
Food, Supplies & Transport Department, SRINAGAR.
4. The Chief Secretary to the Government of Manipur, IMPHAL.
5. The Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya,
Industries Department, Supply Branch, SHILLONG.
6. The Secretary to the Government of Mizoram,
Supply & Transport Department, AIZWAL.
7. The Secretary to the Government of Nagaland,
Relief & Supply Department, KOHIMA.
8. The Secretary to the Government of Tripura,
Civil Supplies Department, AGARTALA.
9. The Ministry of Finance (Food I).
10. Plan Finance Division.

No.179(5)/90-P.L.I
Government of India
Ministry of Food & Civil Supplies
(Department of Food)

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New Delhi-1, dated 31st October, 1990.

To

The Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
(North-Eastern States),

1- Nagaland 1- Tripura
2- Manipur 5- Jharkhand
3- Meghalaya 6- Orissa
Prasanna

Subject: Reimbursement of transport charges in NEF States
for lifting of foodgrains under PDS from Central
Pool - Regarding.

Sir,

At present, two types of road reimbursement charges
are being allowed for distribution of foodgrains to NEF
States covered under the scheme referred, as given below:-

1) ROAD REIMBURSEMENT CHARGES:

These charges are paid to the State Govt. for
lifting of foodgrains from Rail Heads other than
base depots and taking upto the base depots. The
existing ceiling limit for such road reimbursement
charges is 11 paise per qtl. per km., and

(11) HILL TRANSPORT SUBSIDY:

These transport charges cover the expenditure
incurred by State Government for moving the stocks
from base depots (designated by FCI) upto the
approved Principal Distribution Centres (PDCs).
PDCs are approved by the Government of India.
These charges are reimbursed by the FCI on actual
basis as certified by the State Government.

2. It has been observed that FCI has at times not been
able to make foodgrains available at the base depots and
in such cases, the State Governments are lifting foodgrains
from other than base depots from distant DG/MG terminals/FCI
depots and move foodgrains directly to PDCs. The instruc.
regarding payment of transport charges to cover such cases

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be to be free from ambiguity. In order to avoid ambiguity, and in supersession of all previous instructions, the following instructions are issued regarding reimbursement of such charges:

- a) In cases where stocks are lifted from any BG/MG terminal/FCI depot other than the designated base depots and moved to base depots, such charges would be paid as road reimbursement charges upto the base depots within the ceiling limit prescribed by Government of India,
- b) In cases where stocks are lifted from any BG/MG terminal/FCI depot other than base depots and the stocks are moved upto PDCs, the transport charges would be reimburseable :-

EITHER

- i) actual expenses incurred by State Govts. and claimed for movement from BG/MG rail-head terminals/FCI depot to PDC;

OR

- ii) Amount calculated at the maximum ceiling of road reimbursement charges from BG/MG terminal/depot to tagged base depot plus actuals from base depots to PDCs,

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- (c) In case stocks are lifted from the base depots to the approved PDCs, the transportation charges i.e. Hill Transport Subsidy would be reimbursed on actuals as incurred by the State Government.

3. The base depots would mean not only FCI's depots but also the linked railhead. The list of various base depots approved for the purpose for the various States in North-East is given in Annexure. In case any godown of FCI nearer to any of such PDCs becomes operative and if supplies are lifted from such depots, the base depot would be deemed to have shifted to such depot nearer to that PDC and transportation reimbursement would be accordingly regulated. In this context, FCI would ensure that to the extent possible, maximum stocks are made available at the base depots and wherever any shortfall occurs and State Governments are allowed lifting of foodgrains from other than base depots, reasons for such diversions may be recorded.

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4. As both FCI and the State Governments would operate and point transport contractors for the same purpose, it is necessary that wide publicity is made while floating tender enquiries for appointment of transport contractors so as to avoid unhealthy competition which affects lifting of foodgrains due to variation in two rates viz., that of FCI and the State Governments.

5. The State Governments while submitting their claims on fortnightly or on monthly basis would give full details with supporting documents of movement of foodgrains so that the same are verifiable and FCI would scrutinise and pass the same for payment in shortest time possible so that state govts are not put to any undue financial hardships in this regard due to lock-up of their funds. The State Govt. should not allow their bills to accumulate and should not delay for more than a fortnight. The documents which would be submitted in this regard by the State Governments alongwith their road reimbursement claims would be decided by the Zonal Manager (NEF).

6. The above claims would be scrutinised by the District Office concerned and recommended for payment to the SRM who would pass the bills for payment through District Manager. These bills in any case should be passed within 10 working days.

7. A number of State Governments have represented for increase in existing road transport charges. The same has been examined and it has been decided to increase it to 13 paise per qtl/km. w.e.f. 1.11.90.

8. The above instructions would become operative w.e.f. 1.11.90.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.: as above

(S.C. SHARMA)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

Copy forwarded to:-

1. Manager (Sales), FCI, New Delhi / Manager (Proc.), FCI, N. Del.
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(S.C. Sharma)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi,
Dated the 31/3. March, 1995.

To

Shri A.V. Gokak,
Managing Director,
Food Corporation of India,
16-20, Barakhamba Lane,
NEW DELHI- 110 001

4/4/95

Subject:- Reimbursement of Road Transportation Charges to North-Eastern States for lifting of stocks by them from places other than the designated base depots- Fixation of rates of.

Sir, I am directed to say that the representations of the North-Eastern States for an enhancement in the road reimbursement charges for the lifting of stocks from places other than the designated base depots have been examined in this Ministry. Until now, the road transportation charges for the movement of stocks from rail heads/FCI depots other than the designated base depots to the base depots were being reimbursed within the ceiling limit prescribed by the Government of India. Keeping in view the fact that the Food Corporation of India is now fixing, at regular intervals, its own transport rates for various destinations/base depots within the North Eastern region on the basis of tenders, it is felt that prescribing of a uniform rate for the reimbursement of road transport charges for the entire North-Eastern region is no longer appropriate. It is also observed that stipulating one rate for all the North-Eastern States is not reasonable as the terrain and transport facilities differ widely in the region.

2. It has, accordingly, been decided that the road transport charges for the movement of foodgrains from FCI depots/rail heads other than the designated base depots to the base depots will be reimbursed, in partial modification of this Ministry's letter No.179(5)/90-Py.I., dated 31.10.1990, at the FCI contracted transport rates for different destinations/places in the North-Eastern States.

3. The hill transport subsidy will continue to be granted on the basis of actual expenditure incurred by the concerned State Governments for the transportation of stock from the

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designated base depots to the approved Principal Distribution Centres, as outlined in this Ministry's letter No.179(5)/90-PY.I., dated: 31.10.1990.

4. The above instructions will become operative from April 1, 1995.

Yours faithfully,



(M. SUDHAKARAN)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

Copy for information and necessary action to:-

1. All Food Secretaries of North-Eastern States.
2. Director(Finance) - with reference to their Dy.No.540/Dir.(Finance)/95, dated 15.03.1995.
3. Guard Folder.
4. For respective State Government's file.

No.179(1)/96-PY.1
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(Department of Food & Public Distribution)

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Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 5th July, 2001.

To

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

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Subject : Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme (HTS) – Reimbursement of Transport Cost to the States under the Scheme.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the reimbursement of transportation cost under the Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme to the States/UTs covered under the Scheme is to be made by FCI in accordance with the instructions/procedures issued by the erstwhile Ministry of Food & Civil Supplies (Department of Food) vide letter No.179(5)/90-PY.1 dt.31.10.1990 and further amended vide subsequent letter No.179(5)/90-PY.1 dt.31.3.1995.

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2. It is clarified that besides the normal monthly /bi-monthly allocation of foodgrains made to the States/UTs under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) covering Antyodaya, BPL and APL families, the additional allocations of foodgrains made for distribution through TPDS will also be covered under the HTS. Even if the foodgrains (rice and wheat) against additional allocations for TPDS are purchased by the States/UTs from FCI at the rates fixed for Open Market Sale Scheme(Domestic), these will qualify for benefit under the HTS. However, the quantities of foodgrains (rice and wheat) lifted by the States/UTs at Open Market Sale rates for issue to the Roller flour Mills(RFMs) for sale in the open market will not qualify for Hill Transport subsidy. It is reiterated that the Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme covers only the quantities of foodgrains supplied by FCI to the States/UTs only for distribution to the people only through the PDS network.

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Yours faithfully,

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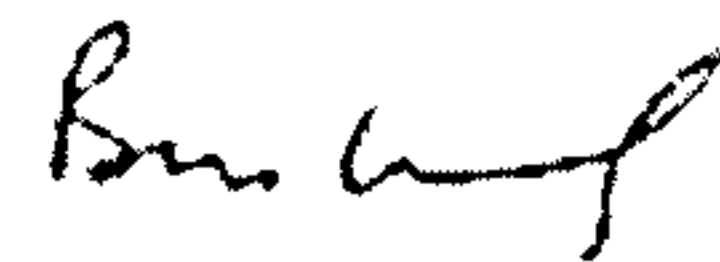
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2. The Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Civil Supplies, Govt. of Himachal Pradesh, Shimla.
3. The Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Civil Supplies, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar.
4. The Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Civil Supplies, Govt. of Manipur, Imphal.
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7. The Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Civil Supplies, Govt. of Nagaland, Kohima.
8. The Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Civil Supplies, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala.
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10. The Secretary, Deptt. of Food and Civil Supplies, Govt. of Sikkim, Gangtok.
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Kishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 31st July, 2001.

To
The Manager(Sales),
Food Corporation of India,
16-20, Barakhamba Lane,
New Delhi-110001.

Subject : Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme – reimbursement of Transport Cost to the States under the Scheme.

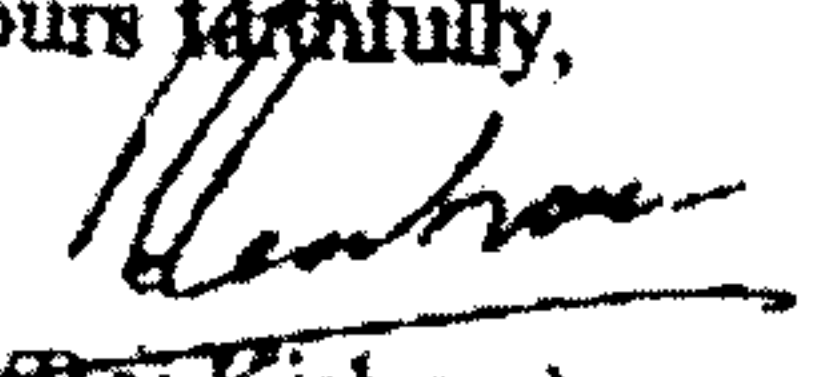
Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No.4/1/97-S.II/Policy/1883 dated 19.7.2001 on the above subject and to clarify that the instructions issued by this Ministry vide letter of even number dated 5.7.2001 are applicable to all States/Union Territories covered under the HTS/RTC Schemes.

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Yours faithfully,



(Raj Kishore)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(Department of Food & Public Distribution)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 28th October 2002

To

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

Sub: Policy of declaration of locations as Principal Distribution Centres
(PDCs) under Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme.

Sir,

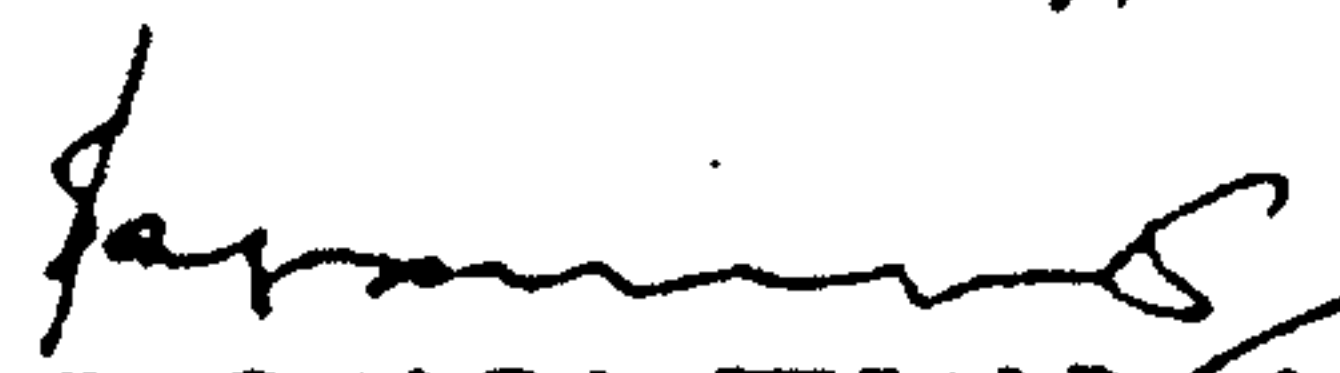
The State Governments covered under the Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme of the Government are allowed reimbursement of cost of transportation of foodgrains (wheat and rice)) from the FCI base depots to the declared PDCs on actual basis as Hill transport subsidy. It has been considered necessary to lay down a policy for declaration of locations as Principal Distribution Centres (PDCs) in hilly States covered under Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme.

2. After consideration of the matter, it has been decided that with immediate effect following minimum criteria will be required for declaration of locations as Principal Distribution Centres in the hilly States covered under Hill Transport Subsidy Scheme: -

- i) For Snow Bound Areas - the place should be located at a minimum distance of 25 kms. from existing PDC/FCI base depots,
- ii) For Other Hilly Areas - the place should be located at a distance of more than 50 kms. from the existing PDCs/FCI base depots and should be a Sub-Divisional Headquarter.

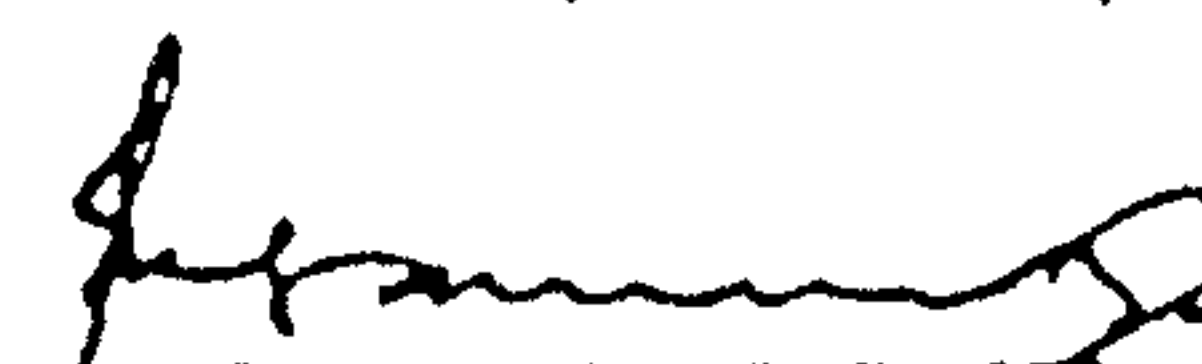
3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(S. JAGANNATHAN)
JOINT DIRECTOR (P&M)
TELE: 3382709

Copy to:

Food Secretaries of Arunachal Pradesh, J&K, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim,
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Food Corporation of India,
Zonal Office,
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2. General Manager(Region),
Food Corporation of India,
Regional Office
Itanagar/Shillong/Dimapur/Hyderabad
Imphal/Kolkata/Shimla/Jammu/Bangalore

Sub: Discontinuation of HTS scheme w.e.f 01.04.2017 after notification of National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 – reg.

Sir,

In continuation to this office letter of even number dated 30.06.2017 regarding suspension of HTS scheme with effect from 01.04.2017, please find enclosed herewith a copy of Ministry of CAF&PD letter No. 179-1/2017-PY.III dated 25.09.2017 on the above cited subject for necessary compliance at your end.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully,

(Narender Kumar) 17-10-17
Asst. General Manager (Sales)
For Executive Director (Sales)

Copy to:

Under Secretary (Py.III), DFPD, Min. of CAF&PD, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

For Executive Director (Sales)

No.179-1/2017-Py.III

Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution

Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Dated 25th September, 2017

To

1. The Secretary/Principal Secretary (Food), Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Sikkim, Tripura, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep.
2. The CMD, FCI, HQ, New Delhi.

Subject: Discontinuation of HTS scheme w.e.f 01.04.2017 after notification of National Food Security Act (NFSA), 2013 – reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to earlier orders pertaining to Hill Transport Subsidy (HTS) issued by this department from time to time to convey the decision of GoI on discontinuation of HTS scheme from 01.04.2017 as reimbursement of the same is being covered under NFSA. In this regard, the following decisions have been taken:

(i) HTS Scheme stands suspended with effect from 01.04.2017. & the HTS claims pertaining to the period prior to the implementation of NFSA will be settled by FCI as per extant procedure of HTS Scheme.

(ii) While submitting claims under NFSA, the concerned States will be required to submit a certification by FCI that no claim under HTS scheme for the same purpose has been paid by FCI or is under submission to FCI.

(iii) For the period 01.04.2017 onwards, no claims under HTS Scheme will be entertained by FCI and the reimbursement of expenditure incurred by States/UTs towards intra-State transportation, handling of foodgrains etc. will be made only as per concerned Rules under NFSA.

(iv) The claims for the period from implementation of NSFA upto 31.03.2017, will be processed as per following procedure:

(a) Claims already received under HTS Scheme will be processed by FCI as per extant provisions of HTS Scheme.

(b) Claims for the aforesaid period ending on 31.03.2017, received after 01.04.2017, will be processed only as per Rules under NFSA. All such claims will have to be submitted by the concerned State Governments in the prescribed format under NFSA Rules, along with a certificate form FCI-RO that no claim for the said period has been preferred by the State Government/UT under HTS Scheme.

(c) The status of all claims under HTS Scheme for the period from implementation of NFSA upto 31.03.2017, whether already paid or under submission, should be sent by FCI to NFSA for any deduction in case of duplication in reimbursement for the same period under HTS as well as NFSA.

(d) In case, NFSA has already made any payment towards intra-State transportation of food grains to any State government/UT Administration for the period prior to 01.04.2017, the same shall be adjusted by NFSA Division from future claims of the concerned State Government/UT Administration.

2. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Brij Bihari Lal)

Under Secretary (Py. III&IV)

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