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Advisory

The undersigned had inspected two centres in the UP Region recently. It was found that against a procurement target of 40 lakhs tons of wheat for UP Region for RMS 2018-19, a total quantity of approximate 53 LMT has reportedly been procured in the state as per PMS, out of which the share of FCI is 3.55 LMT and the balance quantity has been procured by the state agencies. Though there has been an appreciable increase in the procurement in the state (by 43%), which will be available for distribution PDS/OWS in the state itself; it is seen that the unprecedented levels of procurement have put new challenges in the operations and the state machinery is still to come to grips with the task.

As on date, delivery of about 8 LMT wheat after the lapse of the procurement period on 15.6.2018 is still in the pipeline. Though, on the spot directions were issued to the concerned Area Manager/AGM(QC), it appears that UP Region as a whole should draw up an action plan to take over the balance wheat stocks of RMS 2018-19 available with the state agencies in a time bound manner. It is advised that the GM(Region) taking into account the available space and infrastructural constraints coupled with ongoing monsoon season, should fix an early target date for taking over the wheat stocks from the state agencies, in a planned manner, in consultation with the Procurement Division of Hqrs and the State Government. During the course of my inspection, it was also observed that the efforts for enhancing the capacity utilization as per the Hqrs instructions dated 8.6.2018 (issued from file no. QC.6(1)/storage instructions/misc./2018) for food grains for all the covered godowns due to high procurement are still to be undertaken in the region and it has to be ensured that the same are strictly followed to meet the rising space requirements.

During the course of said inspection at FSD Mathura (UP Region), two truckloads of wheat stocks RMS 2018-19 for delivery by the State Agencies were found to be heavily infested with major/minor insects and also having damaged/weevilled grains mixed with sound grains, which shows an attempt to push old stocks instead of fresh wheat stocks pertaining to the current season. The possibility of recurrence of such

type of attempts at other depots/centres in the Region cannot be ruled out. Therefore, it is advised to take up the issue with the concerned State Authorities and also to take adequate measures so as to ensure prevention of incidents of recycling of wheat stocks at the end of the Procurement season. The FCI field machinery must ensure thorough checking of the balance wheat stocks to be delivered by the State Government agencies as per the specifications laid down by the Government of India. As the target date of wheat procurement is already over on 15.6.2018, the FCI field functionaries need to be directed to ensure that no PDS stocks is recycled and no inferior quality stocks are accepted from the State Government agencies while taking over the balance wheat stocks reported as having been procured by State Agencies.

Further, the instructions issued by FCI, HQrs/Govt. of India from time to time in connection with acceptance of stocks from State Agencies should be strictly adhered to without fail.

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5. The Secretary (Food), Department of Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow.
6. PS to CMD.

Vigilance Squad Division, FCI HQ
Dated: 27th June, 2018