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Advisory

1. Certain irregularities have come to the notice of FCI Hqrs with regard to delay in calibration of weighbridges and non-availability of standard weights in FCI/Hired depots raising suspicion of manipulation in weighment.

2. As per instructions, weighbridges installed in depots or weighbridges which are being utilized by FCI should have proper and valid stamping from Legal Metrology or Department of Weight and Measures of the State Government which is a mandatory provision under Legal Metrology Act 2009.

3. Therefore, in order to rule out any possibility in manipulation in weighment, all the Regions are hereby advised to get the weighbridges used by FCI checked by associating the respective State Legal Metrology/Weights and Measures Departments. Regional Offices should follow provisions of Legal Metrology Act 2009 and FCI instruction in vogue and ensure compliance of the following:

(i) Availability of standard weight of 1/10th of maximum capacity of weighbridge for calibration/verification.

(ii) Calibration certificate should be conspicuously displayed.

(iii) Indicators of the weighbridge should be stamped/sealed.

(iv) Dip switches of the indicators should not remain in ON position.
(v) There should be stamping plates with the indicators.

(vi) Regular inspection of weighbridges at least once before the weighing of food grains by FCI.

Action taken report in this regard to be furnished to FCI HQrs.

This issues with the approval of CVO.

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1. Executive Director (Engineering)
2. Executive Directors (Zone)
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