ADVISORY

For the current Kharif Marketing Season 2018-19 already commenced, Hqrs’s Procurement Division has issued Action Plan for KMS 2018-19 vide letter no Proc.III/(1)/2018-19/ Action Plan dated 11.09.2018 and Hqrs’ QC Division vide letter No.QC2/(1)/KMS/2018-19/1054 dated 12/13.9.2018 has issued necessary Guidelines and Instructions regarding Inspection, Sampling & Analysis Procedure to be followed in procurement of Paddy/rice stocks. The instructions circulated by procurement and QC Division must be strictly adhered to and the field officers are required to be vigilant and alert for ensuring transparent & smooth procurement operations.

As a measure of preventive vigilance and to avert any type of malpractices/irregularities, it is advised to issue necessary Instructions to all Area Managers/ AGMs (QC), being first level Supervisory officers to monitor & review following aspects among others and take immediate remedial and deterrent measures to nip any irregularity in the bud:

1. A-Note and Weight Check Memo to the agency/Milers concerned be issued as per instructions in vogue.

2. Fictitious Procurement and Issue of Food Grain Stocks, especially in cases where food grains procured is issued under TPDS and Other Welfare Schemes from the depot of procurement itself and where holding period of stock is short.

3. Procurement of recycled food grains, recycled by syphoning food grains from PDS system in collusion with agencies involved in supply chain management for PDS and other welfare schemes.

4. Procurement of Beyond Rejection Level (BRL) food grains in collusion with rice millers - large scale procurement of BRL food grain at depots generally occurs in a situation wherein the inspecting officers look the other way during the period of occurrence. It is noted that in such situations, nominal number of samples and that too, from good Stacks during peak procurement period are inspected and majority of inspections are carried out before or after peak procurement period, thereby reporting some quantity as BRL but without
effectively detecting & reporting brings a situation of almost total failure of system. Therefore, generally, such cases are not detected by internal reporting though supervisory/inspecting officers complete their targets for mandatory Inspections. This should be effectively monitored by Regional Offices and Zonal Offices.

5. Instructions regarding checking of weighment and gunny bags are being scrupulously followed or not, are to be monitored and verified by the inspecting officers.

6. In case any instances of demand or acceptance of money for rice receipt from millers comes to light, the same is to be dealt severely.

7. The CMR module of FCI Depot Online System be used for receipt of Custom Milled Rice which allows millers to login and schedule time for delivery of rice, as also get access to A-note electronically.

GMs (Region) should also take necessary action to effectively monitor above aspects. Further, it should be ensured that rotation policy is adhered to specially while assigning sensitive task related to procurement.

It is being made explicitly clear that any malpractices noticed during procurement season should immediately be acted upon and promptly brought to notice of Vigilance Division of FCI.

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