

Government of Orissa
Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department

No. _____/SFS&CW,
PL-IP-43/2007

Bhubaneswar,

Dated:

From

**Shri Raj Kumar Sharma, IAS,
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.**

To

**The Managing Director,
National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing
Federation (NAFED), Sidhartha Enclave, Ashram Chowk,
Ring Road, New Delhi.
The Managing Director,
Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd (OSCSC),
C/2, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar – 12.**

Sub : Procurement of Coarse grains in Orissa during KMS 2007-08.

Sir,

This is to say that the State Government has decided to procure coarse grains namely, 'Ragi' and Maize, through State Government agencies with effect from Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2007-08, subject to approval of Government of India.

2. After careful consideration, Government have been pleased to allow the Orissa State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd to procure Ragi and the NAFED to procure Maize and Ragi with effect from KMS 2007-08 on behalf of the State Government as per the following guidelines subject to the provisions of the decentralized procurement scheme of Government of India.

- (i) The OSCSC Ltd may procure 'Ragi' through Women Self Help Groups (WSHG's) and, wherever such WSHG's are not available, through its own purchase centres. 'Ragi' shall be distributed to the ration cardholders as per the allocation order to be issued by the State Government. WSHG's shall be paid such commission for their services, as may be provided in the approved costing by the Gol or decided by the State Government.
- (ii) NAFED may deliver 'Ragi' procured by it to the OSCSC Ltd for distribution through TPDS. The OSCSC will pay the provisional economic cost to be fixed by Government of India against delivery after inspection of stocks.
- (iii) 'Maize' procured by the NAFED shall be disposed by it in accordance with the guidelines of Government of India under the decentralized procurement scheme.
- (iv) The State Government will not bear any expenditure on account of subsidy or losses, if any, sustained by these agencies. The subsidy received from Government of India for the operations will, however, be reimbursed to these agencies by the State Government.
- (v) The OSCSC and the NAFED shall procure coarse grains from genuine farmers and ensure maintenance of Purchase Register for the Purchase Centres indicating the name/address of the farmer, quantity of food-grains procured, cost of coarse grain paid and the result of the analysis of quality.

- (vi) Wherever purchases are made through WSHG's, the cost of grains will be paid to the WSHG by account-payee cheque only.
- (vii) The procuring agencies will maintain such records as may be required by the Government of India and the State Government and will abide by all instructions issued by the Government from time to time.

3. The provisional economic costing of coarse grains shall be communicated after the same is received from Government of India. A copy of the quality norms for Maize and Ragi is enclosed herewith as Annexure – I. A copy of the Government of India letter containing the minimum support price (MSP) is enclosed at Annexure-II.

4. There shall be no physical targets for procurement of coarse grains. However, the procuring agencies should take steps to ensure that adequate market intervention is made to bring the level of price to the Minimum Support Price.

5. You are requested to make arrangements for procurement of coarse grains accordingly. The major producing districts should be taken into account while finalizing the procurement programme.

6. You are requested to prepare the action plan for procurement of coarse grains and furnish the same for approval of the State Government so that procurement may commence soon after approval of provisional economic costing by the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

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Copy submitted to Sri Ashesh Agrawal, Director (Policy), Department of Food & Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & PD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-1 for kind information and necessary action.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government