

## **West Bengal Rice Mill Owner's Association**

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Office of the MIC, Food & Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal

To, Shri Rathin Ghosh, Honorable MIC, Food & Supplies Department, Government of West Bengal, 11 A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata

Sub:- Issues related to Procurement.

Respected Sir,

With due respect we want to draw your kind attention for redressal of the following issues:-

- 1- Timeline of delivery of CMR during KMS 2024-25 recently an order dated 17.06.2025 from the department has been issues for delivery the entire Central Pool ( Kharif & Rabi )stock by 14<sup>th</sup> August and State Pool ( Kharif & Rabi ) by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025. We request your kind self to extend the following dates till 30.09.2025 as because there was acute shortage of gunny bags for delivery of State Pool stock in the month of April as such many units have to curtail their production. Further many mills have been allotted paddy equal to 100% of their milling capacity. In districts will less mills, paddy was delivered to them beyond the BG limit of the said mill. As such it's our request to accept the stocks till 30.09.2025. We have also submitted BG in this regard which is valid till 30.09.2025 with a claim period up to 31.12.2025.
- 2- Installation of VLTS & Weight Sensor for transportation of Paddy & CMR an order regarding this was issued by the department on 07.04.2025. We have to depend on multiple transporters and truck owners for transportation of Paddy & CMR. In particular there is huge arrival of Paddy in the procurement centers during the month of December March and we have to place huge number of trucks daily. Installation of VTLS & Weight sensor is practically not possible. We have also contacted our members in different States & they have informed that VLTS is enforced in many of the states but no one is aware of the Weight Sensors. We have seen that the same conditions have been laid down in the upcoming Transport Tender for KMS 25-26& 26-27. We request your kind self to defer this condition and a trial may be done in KMS 2025-26. Department may provide such list of vendors & specification of the instruments for installation of the same on trial basis.
- 3- Imposition of Penalty on Rice Mills On earlier occasions the procurement of the Paddy was done during the entire KMS but since last few years 80% 90% of the Paddy is procured by the month of March. As such millers have to store paddy beyond their storage space and the stacks are not always in counting position. We have raised the issues of keeping such



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provision of penalty in the agreement during the policy formulation meeting before the KMS, but we were assured by the highest chair that these are the provisions but no penal action will be taken till the intention of the Miller is not bad. We therefore request your kind self not to impose any penalty merely on the ground that the bags are not in counting position. Track record & intention of the Miller should be taken into consideration.

Hope your kind self will look into the matter positively & do the needful, for which act of your kindness we shall remain ever obliged.

Thanking You,
Yours faithfully,

Manoj Krogla Secretary