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Government of India

Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 02-07-2026

To,

The Chairman and Managing Director,
Food Corporation of India,
16-20, Barakhamba Lane.

विषय: Policy for sale of wheat and rice in the open market through Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) (OMSS (D)) for the year 2026-27-reg.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the subject mentioned above and to convey the approval of the competent authority on Policy for sale of foodgrain (wheat, rice and coarse grains) stocks in excess of buffer stocking norms, under OMSS (D) for the year 2026-27 or till further orders, whichever is earlier, as follows:-

- A. RICE**
- i. Reserve price of Rice for various categories are fixed as given in the Table-1 below. The prices will be valid upto 30.06.2027:

Table -1

S.No.	Category	Reserve Price (Rs/ Qtl) (Pan India)*	
		From 01.07.2026 to 31.10.2026	From 01.11.2026 to 30.06.2027**
1.	Sale of Rice with 25% broken to Private Parties and Cooperatives/ Cooperative Federations through e-auction, of following crop years#:- (KMS 2025-26)	2890	2970
	(KMS 2024-25)	2800	2880
	(KMS 2023-24 and earlier)	2660	2740
2.	Sale of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) with 10% broken rice under Rice Milling Transformation scheme in the open market to private parties through e-auction	3090	3180

3.	Sale of resultant broken rice produced under Rice Milling Transformation scheme in the open market for sale to private parties through e-auction.	Dynamic Reserve Price (DRP) by Committee every quarter@ Base Reserve Price is Rs. 2000/qtl	
4.	Sale of Rice from FCI depots to Small Private Traders/Entrepreneurs/ Individuals	2890	2970
5.	Sale of Rice to State Governments and Corporations of State Governments without participating in e-auction	2320 (for qty not exceeding 16 LMT)	2390 (for qty not exceeding 32 LMT)
6.	Sale of rice to Community kitchens		
7.	Sale of rice to Central Cooperative Organizations - NAFED/ NCCF/ Kendriya Bhandar (Retail Sale) for sale under 'Bharat' brand through own stores/ mobile vans and/or E-commerce/big chain retailers only.	2480	2550
8.	Sale of FCI Rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol	2320 (Qty as decided by COM)	2390 (Qty as decided by CoM)

* i.e no additional transportation cost to be added.

** 3% increase in Reserve Price in accordance with increase in MSP of Paddy

on the basis of proportionate changes in MSP derived price for rice of different crop years

@ DRP Committee shall comprise AS (PFC), DoE as Chairman and CMD, FCI and JS (P&FCI), DFPD as Members.

ii. E-auction/direct sale as per SI no (1) to (4) in Table above can be done only in deficit regions both during procurement and non-procurement periods. However, sale of rice during procurement period in deficit regions should be restricted to varieties of rice that are not being procured in the State during the procurement period. FCI shall coordinate with State Governments to ensure that rice varieties being sold under OMSS (D) are not procured from the State. Further, FCI should also formulate adequate safeguards to ensure that the CMR and the resultant broken rice sold under OMSS(D) is not recycled back.

iii. Sale of rice to State Governments under OMSS (D) is restricted only to non-surplus States which require additional rice to meet their requirements for their own notified schemes.

iv. Sale of rice to Central cooperative organizations like NAFED/NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar will be allowed in procuring regions as well as in consuming regions during procurement period of paddy.

v. Sale of Bharat Brand of rice to institutional buyers like hostels, religious institutions, charitable organizations, hospitals and IHQ of MoD (Army)/ Army Supply Core is allowed.

- vi. Sale of 'Bharat' brand of rice through private millers is not permitted.
- vii. For the purpose of supplying rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol, **old/broken rice** should be utilized to the extent feasible.
- viii. FCI shall draw detailed operational guidelines for sale of rice for various categories under OMSS(D).
- ix. Quantum of stocks to be offloaded, and timing, considering stocks holding at the relevant point of time will be decided by FCI in consultation with DFPD after keeping the stocks for PDS requirement, buffer norms and additional quantity of 30 LMT that can be used in case of any exigency.
- x. The requisitioning agency procuring rice under this policy at a subsidized rate without e-auction shall be responsible for ensuring proper utilization of foodgrain.

B. Wheat

- i. Reserve price of Wheat for various categories are fixed as given in the Table-2 below. The prices will be valid upto 30.06.2027.

Table-2

S.No.	Category	Reserve Price* (in Rs./qtl)
1.	Sale of wheat of all crop years including RMS 2026-27 to private parties through e-auction	2,600 (FAQ)
2.	Sale of wheat to State Governments without participating in e-auction	
3.	Sale of wheat to Community Kitchens	
4.	Sale of wheat to Central Cooperative organizations, like NAFED/NCCF/ Kendriya Bhandar (Retail Sale) for sale under 'Bharat' brand through own stores/mobile vans and/or E-commerce/big chain retailers only	2,585 (URS)

*Excluding transportation

- ii. Transportation cost, as applicable, will be added to the price.
- iii. No sale will be undertaken during the procurement period in the procuring regions.
- iv. Sale of wheat to Central cooperative organizations like NAFED/ NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar will be allowed in procuring regions as well as in consuming regions during procurement period of wheat.

v. Sale of Bharat Brand of wheat to institutional buyers like hostels, religious institutions, charitable organizations, hospitals and IHQ of MoD (Army)/ Army Supply Core is allowed.

vi. Sale of wheat under OMSS(D) to Cooperatives/Federations of State Governments is not permitted. Further, sale of 'Bharat' brand of wheat through private millers is not permitted.

vii. Sale of wheat to State Governments under OMSS (D) is restricted only to non-surplus States during their non-procuring season to meet the additional requirement of wheat for their own notified schemes.

viii. FCI shall draw detailed operational guidelines for sale of wheat for various categories under OMSS(D).

ix. The quantum of stocks to be offloaded & timing, considering stocks holding at the relevant point of time will be decided by FCI in consultation with DFPD after keeping the stocks for PDS requirement, Buffer Norms and additional quantity of 20 LMT that can be used in case of any exigency.

x. The requisitioning agency procuring wheat under this policy at a subsidized rate without e-auction shall be responsible for ensuring proper utilization of foodgrain.

C. Coarse Grains

i. Reserve price of Coarse Grains are fixed as given in the Table-3 below:

Table-3

SI No	Category	Reserve Price* (Rs./qtl)
1.	Sale of Bajra to private parties through e auction	2,900
2.	Sale of Ragi to private parties through e-auction	5,205
3.	Sale of Jowar to private parties through e- auction	4,023
4.	Sale of Maize to private parties through e- auction	2,410

**Excluding transportation*

ii. Transportation cost, as applicable will be added to the reserve price.

2. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Deependra Singh)
Under secretary to Govt. of India

Copy for information to:-

- i. Secretary, Department of Expenditure, New Delhi.
- ii. Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs, New Delhi.
- iii. Secretary, Department of Commerce, New Delhi.
- iv. Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, New Delhi.

Copy also to:-

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2. PS to Hon'ble Minister of CAF&PD
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4. PPS to Secretary, DFPD.
5. PPS to Joint Secretary (Storage and PG).
6. PPS to Joint Secretary (Sugar)
7. PPS to Joint Secretary (BP&PD)
8. PPS to JS (IMPEX & IC)
9. PPS to Sr. Economic Advisor
10. MDs of NAFED/NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar
11. NIC, Deptt. of Food and PD with the request to upload this letter on the official website of the Department.
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