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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) to consider OMSS(D) Policy for the year 2025-26 held on 19.06.2025– reg.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the approved minutes of the meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) held on 19.06.2025 at 05.00 PM in FRESCO Room (Room No. 169-D), North Block, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) to consider Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) – OMSS(D) Policy for the year 2025-26 for further necessary action.

2. This issues with the approval of Secretary (Expenditure).

Encl.: As above.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) to consider OMSS (D) Policy for the year 2025-26 held on 19.06.2025 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure)

A meeting of the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) to consider Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) - OMSS(D) Policy 2025-26 was held on 19.06.2025 at 5:00 PM in FRESCO (Room No. 169-D), North Block, New Delhi, under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure). List of participants is at **Annexure- I**.

2. At the outset, **Secretary (Expenditure)** welcomed the participants. With the permission of the Chair, **Joint Secretary (P & FCI), DFPD** made a presentation submitting the following proposals for consideration of the Committee-

- i. Agenda Point No. 1: Fixing of Reserve Price of wheat for sale to various categories
- ii. Agenda Point No. 2: Fixing of Reserve Price of rice for sale to various categories
- iii. Agenda Point No. 3: Fixing of Reserve Price for the sale of rice with 10% broken, and the sale of broken rice to private parties through e-auction
- iv. Agenda Point No. 4: Fixing of Reserve Price of rice for sale to National Cooperative Societies under Bharat Brand
- v. Agenda Point No. 5: Fixing of Reserve Price of rice for sale to National Cooperative Societies for sale in the open market
- vi. Agenda Point No. 6: Fixing of Reserve Price of Rice to State Governments /Corporations of State Governments, and community kitchens
- vii. Agenda Point No. 7: Fixing of Reserve Price for the sale of rice to ethanol distilleries for ethanol conversion
- viii. Agenda Point No. 8: Fixing of the Reserve Price of coarse grains for sale to the private parties through e-auction
- ix. Agenda Point No. 9: Validity of reserve prices fixed under OMSS(D) 2025-26

3. **Agenda wise discussion:** Agenda wise discussion held in the meeting is contained in the subsequent paragraphs.

4. **Agenda Point No. 1- Fixing of Reserve Price of wheat for sale to various categories**

- i. **JS (P & FCI), DFPD** submitted that the total off-take of wheat under OMSS (D) policy 2024-25 is 33.25 LMT, out of which 29.66 LMT has been sold to private parties through e-auction and 3.59 LMT has been sold to Central cooperative agencies for sale of Bharat atta. On the basis of past trends of reserve price for wheat, it is proposed that fixing reserve price closer to acquisition cost would be appropriate to generate more revenue through auctions. Therefore, reserve price for wheat is proposed to be fixed at Rs. 2550/ Qtl for all categories of buyers.
- ii. **Secretary, DFPD** stated that the weighted average selling price of wheat has been higher than the Reserve Price under OMSS (D) policy 2024-25. Hence, the Department has proposed to increase the Reserve Price to bring it closer to the Acquisition Cost of Rs. 2652/Qtl. for RMS 2025-26.

5. **Agenda Point No. 2- Fixing of the Reserve Price of rice for sale to various categories**

- i. **JS (P & FCI), DFPD** presented the category-wise Reserve price of rice proposed under OMSS (D) policy 2025-26 which is as given in Table-1 below:

Table-1

Category	Existing Reserve Price (in Rs./qtl)	Proposed Reserve Price (in Rs./qtl)
Sale of Rice with 25% broken to Private Parties and Cooperative/Cooperative Federation through e-auction	2800	2800
Sale of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) with 10% broken rice in the open market to private through e-auction	3000 (Pilot study)	3000
Sale of resultant broken rice in the open market for sale to private parties through e-auction	2250 (Pilot study)	2250
Sale of Rice from FCI depots to Small Private Traders/Entrepreneurs/Individuals	2800	2800
Sale of Rice to State Governments and Corporations of State Governments without participating in e-auction	2250 (already approved till 31.10.2025)	2250
Sale of rice Central cooperative organizations for sale under 'Bharat' brand	2400 (including subsidy from PSF)	2250
Sale of rice national Cooperative Societies for open market sale	New category	2250
Sale of rice to Community Kitchens	2250	2250
Sale of Rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol	2250 (already approved till 31.10.2025)	

- ii. **Secretary (Expenditure)** commented that it is desirable that the Reserve Price for all categories should increase in line with the increase in MSP for paddy or the rate of inflation in rice prices in the last one year.
6. **Agenda Point No. 3- Fixing of Reserve Price for the sale of rice with 10% broken, and the sale of broken rice to private parties through e-auction**
- i. **JS (P & FCI), DFPD** submitted that a pilot study has been conducted for milling of rice with 10% broken. The Custom Milled Rice (CMR) with 10% broken rice was sold at weighted average sale price of Rs. 3037.72/Qtl against Reserve Price of Rs. 3000/Qtl in Punjab and weighted average sale price of Rs. 3012.90/Qtl against Reserve Price of Rs. 3000/Qtl in Haryana. Hence, it is proposed that in accordance with the existing OMSS (D) policy 2024-25, the Reserve Price for sale of CMR with 10% broken rice to private parties through e-auction may be fixed at Rs. 3000 per qtl (PAN India) and; Reserve price for sale of broken rice to private parties through e-auction may be fixed at Rs. 2250 per qtl (PAN India).
- ii. **Secretary, Expenditure** inquired how the percentage of broken rice is reduced from the standard 25% to 10%.
- iii. **ED (FCI)** informed that additional sieves are deployed during the milling

process to reduce the percentage of broken rice.

7. Agenda Point No. 4- Fixing of Reserve Price of rice for sale to National Cooperative Societies under Bharat Brand

- i. **JS (P & FCI), DFPD** submitted that during the 2nd phase of the Bharat brand scheme, 2.92 LMT rice has been lifted by Central Cooperative organizations like NAFED/ NCCF/ Kendriya Bhandar (Retail Sale) for sale under 'Bharat' brand and; by institutional buyers like hostels, religious institutions, charitable organizations and hospitals. It was stated that under extant OMSS (D) policy 2024-25, reserve price for Central Cooperative organizations for sale under 'Bharat' brand is fixed at Rs. 2400/Qtl including PSF support of Rs. 200/Qtl. This entails effective issue price by FCI of Rs. 2200/Qtl. It is proposed that for OMSS (D) 2025-26, reserve price of Rs. 2250 may be fixed and there would be no need to extend support from PSF. Further, it is proposed that sale of Bharat Brand of rice to IHQ of MoD (Army)/Army Supply Core may be allowed.
- ii. **AS (PF-S), Department of Expenditure** commented that the objective of Bharat brand is to cool down retail prices in the open market so as to curb inflation. He also inquired about the recent trend of inflation in rice.
- iii. **Sr. Economic Advisor, DoCA** informed that the inflation in rice is around 3%.

8. Agenda Point No. 5- Fixing of Reserve Price of rice for sale to National Cooperative Societies for sale in the open market

JS (P & FCI), DFPD informed that a request has been received from the Ministry of Cooperation for sale of rice with 25% broken to National Cooperative Societies at the Reserve price of Rs. 2250/Qtl. However, details of the proposal are yet to be worked out by the Ministry of Cooperation. Therefore, it may be taken up in the next meeting of CoS.

9. Agenda Point No. 6- Fixing of Reserve Price of Rice to State Governments /Corporations of State Governments, and community kitchens

JS (P & FCI), DFPD stated that the total quantity of rice sold to State Governments/ Corporations of State Governments/ Community Kitchens is 19.12 LMT up to May 2025, out of which 4.09 LMT was sold @ Rs. 2800/Qtl and 15.03 LMT rice has been sold @ Rs. 2250/Qtl during the period from Jan 2025 to May 2025. It was informed that States have aligned their schemes in line with this policy. Under the extant OMSS (D) policy 2024-25, Reserve Price of Rs. 2250/Qtl. is applicable for State Governments/ Corporations of State Governments/ Community Kitchens without e-auction for a total quantity not exceeding 36 LMT and valid upto 31.10.2025. It is proposed that under OMSS (D) policy 2025-26, sale of rice to State Governments/ Corporations of State Governments/ Community Kitchens may be allowed at Rs. 2250/Qtl. for an additional quantity of 32 LMT beyond 31.10.2025.

10. Agenda Point No. 7- Fixing of Reserve Price for the sale of rice to

ethanol distilleries for ethanol conversion

- i. **JS (P & FCI), DFPD** stated that under extant OMSS(D) Policy 2024-25, the Reserve Price for sale of rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol is Rs. 2250/Qtl (PAN-India) for a total quantity not exceeding 52 LMT and valid till 31.10.2025. It was stated that MoPNG has informed that the tender process for ethanol procurement during the Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2025-26 (from November 1, 2025) is to be initiated during August/September. The Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are to be advised regarding the price at which rice would be supplied to distilleries for the purpose of ethanol conversion. Hence, it is proposed that Reserve Price for sale of rice to ethanol distilleries for ethanol production during ESY 2025-26 may be fixed at Rs. 2250/Qtl under the OMSS policy 2025-26.
 - ii. **AS (PF-S), Department of Expenditure** inquired the reasons for multiple prices for ethanol produced from different feedstocks.
 - iii. **JS (MoPNG)** informed that price of ethanol differs on the basis of the feedstock used for production. Ethanol produced from FCI rice is the cheapest and is priced at Rs. 58.50/litre based on the Reserve Price of rice @ Rs. 2250/ Qtl.
 - iv. **Secretary (Expenditure)** inquired whether there is any difference in the ethanol produced from different feedstocks. To this, **JS (MoPNG)** replied that there is no difference in the physical and chemical properties of ethanol produced from different feedstocks.
11. **Agenda Point No. 8- Fixing of the Reserve Price of coarse grains for sale to the private parties through e-auction**

JS (P & FCI), DFPD stated that the proposed Reserve Price of Coarse Grains under OMSS (D) 2025-26 are the same as the respective rates of MSP for the current marketing season. It was informed that usually, off-take of Coarse Grains under OMSS (D) is NIL. States are estimated to consume the entire stock of Coarse Grains that they procure.

12. **Agenda Point No. 9- Validity of reserve prices fixed under OMSS(D) 2025-26**

JS (P & FCI), DFPD stated that OMSS(D) policy 2025-26, including prices fixed is proposed to remain valid from 1st July, 2025 to 30th June, 2026

13. **After detailed deliberations, the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) recommended the following OMSS (D) policy 2025-26:**

A. WHEAT

- i. Reserve price of Wheat for various categories was recommended as per details given in Table-2 below. The prices will be valid upto 30.06.2026.

Table-2

Sl No	Category	Reserve Price* (Rs./qtl)
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1	Sale of wheat of all crop years including RMS 2025-26 to private parties through e-auction	2550/-
2	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	
3	Sale of wheat to Community Kitchens	

**Excluding transportation*

- ii. DFPD will add transportation cost, as applicable, to the reserve price.
- iii. No sale to be undertaken during the procurement period in the procuring regions.
- iv. Sale of wheat to Central cooperative organizations like NAFED/NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar may be allowed in procuring regions as well as consuming regions during procurement period of wheat.
- v. Sale of wheat under OMSS(D) to Corporations/Cooperatives/Federations of State Governments is not permitted.
- vi. Sale of wheat for 'Bharat' brand of atta through private millers is not permitted.
- vii. The quantum of stocks to be offloaded & timing, considering stocks holding at the relevant point of time may 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.

B. RICE

- i. Reserve price of Rice for various categories was recommended as per details given in Table-3 below:

Table-3

SI No	Category	Reserve Price (Rs./qtl) (PAN India)*	
		Till 31.10.2025	From 01.11.2025 to 30.06.2026**
1	Sale of Rice with 25% broken to Private Parties and Cooperatives/ Cooperative Federations through e-auction	2800/-	2890/-
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	3000/-	3090/-
3	Sale of broken rice produced under Rice Milling Transformation scheme in the open market for sale to private parties through e-auction	2250/-	2320/-
4	Sale of Rice from FCI depots to Small Private Traders/Entrepreneurs/ Individuals	2800/-	2890/-
5	Sale of Rice to State Governments and Corporations of State Governments without participating in e-auction	2250/- for total quantity	2320/- for total quantity not

		not exceeding 36 LMT	exceeding 32 LMT
6	Sale of Rice to Community Kitchens		
7	Sale of rice 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	2400/-	2480/-
8	Sale of Rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol	2250/- for total quantity not exceeding 52 LMT	2320/- for total quantity not exceeding 52 LMT

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

** 3% increase in Reserve Price in accordance with increase in MSP or paddy

- ii. Support from Price Stabilization Fund amounting to Rs. 200/Qtl. for sale of rice to Central cooperative organizations, like NAFED/NCCF/ Kendriya Bhandar (Retail Sale) for sale under 'Bharat' brand rice will be discontinued w.e.f. 01.07.2025.
- iii. E-auction/direct sale as per SI no (1) and (2) in Table-3 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. DFPD will also coordinate with State Governments to ensure that rice varieties being sold under OMSS (D) are not procured from the State.
- iv. Sale of rice to Central cooperative organizations like NAFED/ NCCF/Kendriya Bhandar will be allowed in procuring regions as well as 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. Sale of rice to State Governments under OMSS(D) is restricted only to non-surplus States which require additional rice to meet their requirements.
- viii. As the reserve price for sale of rice under OMSS (D) is substantially lower than market price of rice, Department of Food & Public Distribution should formulate adequate safeguards to ensure that the rice sold under OMSS (D) is not recycled back to Government through millers at significantly higher price.
- ix. For the purpose of supplying rice to ethanol distilleries for production of ethanol, old/broken rice should be utilized to the extent feasible.
- x. Quantum of stocks to be offloaded, and timing, considering stocks holding at the relevant point of time may 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. However, in case reserve price has been specially reduced as is the case with reserve price of Rs. 2250/Qtl till 31.10.2025 and Rs. 2320/Qtl thereafter till 30.06.2026 for sale to distilleries for production of ethanol and to States/Corporations of State Governments/Community kitchens, CoS will

continue to recommend the quantity of stock that can be offloaded at such reduced reserve price.

C. COARSE GRAINS

- i. Reserve price of Coarse grains may be fixed as given in Table-4 below:

Table-4

SI No	Category	Reserve Price* (Rs./qtl)
1	Sale of Bajra to private parties through e-auction	2775/-
2	Sale of Ragi to private parties through e-auction	4886/-
3	Sale of Jowar to private parties through e-auction	3749/-
4	Sale of Maize to private parties through e-auction	2400/-

**Excluding transportation*

- ii. DFPD will add the transportation cost, as applicable, to the reserve price.
The meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

Annexure-I

List of participants of the Meeting of Committee of Secretaries (CoS) held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Expenditure) to consider Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS(D)] policy for the year 2025-26 held on 19.06.2025 at 05.00 PM in Room No. 169-D, (Fresco Room), North Block, New Delhi.

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