

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme (PSS/MSP) for procurement of Maize under Minimum Support Price (MSP) operations during the KMS 2017-18 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency –Orders -Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 641

Dated: 23-10-2017
Read the following:

1. G.O.MS.NO.14, CA,F&CS (CS.I) Department dated.18-05-2015.
2. Minimum support price declared by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare for Kharif 2017-18 season.
3. From MD, A.P MARKFED, letter no P&M/Maize/MSP/2017-18, dated 21.09.2017.

ORDER:

In the Government Order 1st read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse grains for Kharif Marketing Season 2014-15 was issued and communicated to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that, as per the Department of Agriculture, season and crop coverage report of Kharif 2017 as on 13.09.2017, the maize area sown in Andhra Pradesh State is 94031 Hectors. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Maize is Rs.1425.00 per Qtls. for KMS 2017-18. As per the Government of India existing policy guidelines for procurement and disposal of coarse grains procured by the state not meant for TPDS/OWS schemes, cannot be considered as procurement done towards central pool and such procurement is not eligible for any price support under the Food Subsidy Budget. The procurement of maize under MSP has to be taken up in State pool.

3. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency for procurement of Maize under MSP during KMS 2017-18 under State pool.

4. Government after considering the estimated production of Maize, during KMS 2017-18, hereby nominate A.P. MARKFED as Nodal agency of Government of Andhra Pradesh for procurement of Maize under Price Support Scheme to implement the MSP operations during the Kharif Market Season 2017-18. The A.P.MARKFED shall open the required number of purchase centers.

5. The MSP fixed by the Government of the India for the KMS 2017-18 for FAQ maize is 1425.00 shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency.

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6. Government have also decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACSS) and Village Organizations formed under Velugu to give facility to the farmers to market their produce nearer to the village and also to reduce congestion at the Agricultural Market Yards. The District Level Committee headed by the Joint Collector shall identify the additional procurement centres in consultation with the procurement agency i.e., A.P., MARKFED, to ensure purchase of entire surplus produce of the Maize from the farmers.

7. Government hereby accord permission to the Managing Director, AP MARKFED to procure the Maize during the KMS 2017-18 from the farmers to the extent of about 4.25 Lakh MTs of Maize (Kharif:1.50 Lakh M.Ts and Rabi:2.75 Lakh M.ts).

8. The Marketing Department shall position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales etc., in the Market Yards and Sub-Yards and also at the identified procurement centres of VOs (Velugu) / DCMS/ PACSS. The procuring agency, A.P. MARKFED shall also inspect the available equipments at the purchase centers well in advance in order to make sure of availability of such equipments at the time of procurement.

9. A District Level Committee shall be constituted for procuring required equipments/ creation of infrastructure as ordered in the G.O. Ms. No. 124, Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies C.S.I(1)) Department, dated 25.8.2005 and the same shall be applicable for the KMS 2017-18 also.

10. The A.P. MARKFED shall operate credit line for procurement of Maize, till such time the Marketing Department shall advance funds to the A.P.MARKFED from Market fund or from Rythu Sadhikara Samstha.

11. The A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Government in advance as to the time by which procurement shall be completed so as to enable them to take a decision about disposal of the stocks.

12. At the District Level under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector a committee shall be constituted with Project Director, DRDA, Dist. Co-operative Officer, Joint Director of Agriculture, Dist. Mktg. Officer, District Manager, MARKFED, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Maize. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation rates etc. for effective procurement operations until finalization of rates through tender process by State Level Committee. The Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P. MARKFED in implementation of MSP operations.

13. Operational guidelines for MSP operations of Maize which were issued vide G.O.Ms.No.39, CA, F& CS Department, dated 24.9.2007 for KMS 2007-08 shall apply during Kharif Marketing Season 2017-18 also except in respect of MSP. The MSP shall be as indicated in Para-5 above.

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14. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC / FCI / AMCs, Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc., shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Maize. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC / CWC / F.C.I., shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement / receipts. For this purpose, the warehouses shall also be provided with required moisture meters.

15. The maize procured by the State Government through A.P. MARKFED is under State pool, any loss incurred in such transaction viz., procurement expenses and difference between the economic cost and disposal by A.P. MARKFED shall be borne by the State Government/Rythu sadhikara Samstha.

16. The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing , Andhra Pradesh Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Special Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur

The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.

The Chief Executive Officer, Rythu Sadhikara Samstha, A.P., Vijayawada.

The Chief Executive Officer, SERP, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.

The Special Commissioner & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, A.P, Guntur.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

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All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers.

The Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Andhra Pradesh.

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), Andhra Pradesh, Velagapudi.

The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture and Horticulture, Velagapudi.

The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for Marketing Department, Velagapudi.

The Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution (Department of Food & Public Distribution), Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

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