

Synopsis of the Paddy Procurement in Nagaon District

During the khariff year 2009-10, Nagaon District administration took initiative for procurement of paddy almost after three decade since 1981-82. The Food, Corporation of India, Nagaon, was pressed into action for Paddy Procurement under minimum support price of Rs. 950/- per qtl. + Bonus of Rs. 50/- per qtl. In that khariff year the FCI, Nagaon was able to procure 62806.11 qtls of paddy in the district of Nagaon only. The FCI, Nagaon operated 4 paddy procurement centre (PPC) in the district and the centrewise collection of paddy was as furnished below -

Name of the PPC	KMS 2009-10 (December to April) <i>(in Qtls)</i>	MSP for (Paddy Common)	Market Price	Difference
Hojai	33650.41.480	950 +50 (Bonus)	800	200
Lanka	6053.03.000	- do -	- do -	- do -
Nagaon	22258.38.000	- do -	- do -	- do -
Raha	844.29.000	- do -	- do -	- do -
TOTAL	62806.11.480			

It was seen that in the khariff year 2009-10, the prevailing market price of paddy for common variety of paddy was Rs. 800/- but Govt. fixed MSP was Rs. 950/- + Rs. 50/- (bonus) = Rs. 1000/- per qtl. For 62806.11 qtls of paddy the farmers were benefited by $(62806.00 \times 200) = \text{Rs. } 12561200.00$ involving 308 paddy grower farmers of the district.

In the khariff year 2010-11, from month of Dec'2010 to April'2011 the district administration, Nagaon fixed a target of 20,000 MT for procurement of paddy and took following steps to achieve the target.

- (i) The Agriculture Dev. Officers (ADO) of the district were engaged to identify and help genuine farmers to sell their paddy at nearest paddy procurement centres properly. ADO wise target for procurement was also fixed.
- (ii) Pathar Parichalana Samittees were geared up and VLEW's were mobilized to motivate the farmers to take advantage of Govt. scheme.
- (iii) Steps were taken to plug loopholes and remove bottlenecks faced by the farmers at different stages such as refusal of FCI authorities to accept paddy claiming excess moisture content, transportation problem including toll gates, problems of gunny bags etc.
- (iv) To encourage farmers, FCI authorities were moved for on the spot cash payment up to Rs. 20,000/-.


As a result of the effort made by the district administration the FCI, Nagaon could procure 105545.55 qtls of paddy within April'2011 and another 30978.51 qtls during the extended period up to July'2011 in the khariff year 2010-11.

The details of the PPC wise collection of paddy in the khariff year 2010-11 is furnished below -

Name of the PPC	KMS 2010-11 (December to April) (in Qtls)	MSP for Paddy Common)	Market Price	Difference
Hojai	38247.42.870	1000/=	900/=	100/=
Nagaon	46055.05.000	- do -	- do -	- do -
Lanka	21243.08.115	- do -	- do -	- do -
TOTAL	105545.55.985			
Name of the PPC	KMS 2010-11 (July Extension)	MSP for Paddy Common)	Market Price	Difference
Hojai	9990.86.000	1000/=	650	350
Nagaon	20987.65.000	- do -	- do -	- do -
TOTAL	30978.51.000			
G. TOTAL	136524.06.985			

Altogether 961 Nos of farmers were financially benefited to the tune of Rs. 10554555.00/- from Dec'2010 to April'2011 and Rs. 10842478.50/- from May'2011 to July'2011 as prevailing market price of paddy during that period was Rs. 900/- per qtl. and Rs. 650/- per qtl. respectively.

In the current khariff season, Nagaon district administration has already initiated paddy procurement in the district holding discussion with FCI, Nagaon, Agriculture Deptt., FCS & CA Deptt. to prepared and "ACTION PLAN". Opening of 3 more PPC's at Kampur, Kaliabor and Rupahi are being actively considered by FCI and waiting for green signal from the FCI's higher authority. The target for paddy procurement during the current khariff marketing season is fixed at 20,000 MT in the district. The district administration expected that the farmers of the district will come forward to make paddy procurement a success in this khariff season also.


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To, The Principal Secretary, to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Assam.
Dispur, Guwahati-6

Sub : Status of ongoing paddy procurement operation.

Ref : U.O. No. Com/CW7/2011/1471 dated- 08/07/2011.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to forward herewith the necessary particulars sought for in the above letter. Under reference.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Deputy Commissioner,
Nagaon.

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Copy forwarded to,

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- (2) The Principal Secretary, Agricultural Deptt.

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Status of procurement of Paddy by F.C.I in Nagaon district, 2011-12

Total quantity of paddy produced during the year (MT)	Percentage of increase/decrease of paddy production in the district over corresponding period last year	Estimated surplus of paddy in the district for procurement	Target of procurement of paddy during current year	Total procurement centers set up in the district	Total paddy procured so far by F.C.I	Action taken by the district authority to fulfil district target for procurement of paddy	Difficulties faced by the district administration in procurement process and remedy suggested
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
614906.0 MT	Increased by 15.67%	24626.00 MT	20000.00MT	3 Nos. Nagaon, Hojai & Lanka	12012.4 MT	<p>(a) ADO wise targets fixed and ADOs are engaged to identify and help the genuine farmers to sell there paddy at nearest PPC properly.</p> <p>(b) Pathar Parichalana Samities were geared up and VLEWs mobilized to motivate the actual farmers to take advantage of the Govt scheme.</p> <p>(c) Steps taken to plug loopholes and remove bottlenecks faced by farmers at different stages such as refusal of FCI authorities to accept paddy claiming excess moisture content, transportation problem including toll gates, certification, gunny bags etc.</p> <p>(d) To encourage the farmers , FCI authorities moved for on the spot cash payment upto Rs/- 20,000/-</p>	<p>Difficulties:-</p> <p>I. Paddy procurement in the current kharif season was slightly affected as most of the ADO's posted in the District were transferred due to Election Commission guidelines during the peak procurement period. New incumbents. coming in also got involved in urgent Assembly Election related works.</p> <p>II. FCI authorities operated in 3 Nos PPCs only. Additional PPC's purposed at Raha, Kaliabor, Rupahi/ Juria and Doboka/Jamunamukh could not be made functional due to lack of adequate manpower with FCI, want of proper storage space and lack of weighbridge.</p> <p>III. Refusal of FCI authorities to accept paddy on the ground of slightly higher moisture content.</p> <p>IV. Refusal of millers to execute agreement</p>

and release of transport subsidy at the earliest including all pending liabilities.

- (e) Wide publicity of the scheme/MSP etc. arranged and milling arrangements facilitated.

for milling demanding reduction in the percentage of rice turnover.

- V. Govt notification on start of Paddy procurement process and MSP etc. received late delaying start of the process.

Remedies:-

- (1) Key Officials as far as possible, as possible, should not be disturbed during the period of procurement.
- (2) FCI authorities may be moved for establishing additional PPCs as proposed as this would ^{ensure} enhance more response and better coverage.
- (3) Lack of proper storage space/godown may be offset by initiating suitable schemes for the purpose through P & RD Deptt.
- (4) To encourage private entrepreneurs to set up weighbridge in the places of proposed PPCs, Advantages under Govt and Banking Sector may be offered. Weighbridge may be taken up for registration as a service sector industry under MSME, 2006 of DICC. However, as this would not entitle the venture for any incentive under NEIIPP, 2007, a review of the same may be made and Govt policy suitably amended to include this venture also ^{as} an incentive scheme, particularly for the State / Region.

