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Press Release

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**Preparations for Kharif Paddy Purchase**  
**Starts from next month first week**  
**All measures taken to facilitate farmer**  
**Paddy Purchase Centre for every 5 KM**  
**Toll Free number for complaints**  
**Commissioner Sri Akun Sabharwal**  
**conducts Video Conference with Joint Collectors**  
**on Kharif Action Plan**

Telangana government has taken necessary steps for paddy purchase in Kharif Season from farmers at minimum support price with making preparation to see that farmers face no hurdles in selling paddy.

Commissioner for Civil Supplies Sri Akun Sabharwal held video conference with Joint Collectors, DCSOs, DMs on Kharif Season preparations.

A wall poster was released on this occasion on creating awareness among farmers on Minimum Support Price.

Commissioner instructed officials to be very careful at paddy purchasing as it is concerned with lakhs of farmers.

He said, Paddy Purchase Centers should setup for every 5 kilometers easily reachable to farmers and ordered officials to setup purchase centers as paddy purchase starts from next month, keeping in view of regional requirements.

Estimation is made to procure paddy in October 5 LMTs, November 14 LMTs, December 12 LMTs and in January 3 Lmts, total of 34 Lakh Metric Tons.

### **Set up basic facilities at PPCs:**

Farmers should be made aware of standards of Central government in bringing paddy to purchase centers. Depending upon the climate Joint Collectors should make plans at ground level about the expectation of yield and should make preparations to set up purchase centers.

Make plan of action to open PPCs for purchase of atleast 500 MTs to 1000 MTs, with atleast 5KMs distance from each other.

PPCs should be equipped with like moisture meters, paddy cleaners, winnowing machines, electronic weighing machines and basic facilities like providing drinking water and wash rooms.

### **Procurement Committees:**

To constitute a District Procurement Committee (DPC) with the Collector(CS) as chairman and other members of the committee shall include DCSO, DM-CSC, AD-Marketing, officials of RTA and Agriculture Dept, AM-FCI and HODs of procuring agencies(IKP, PACS, ITDA, DCMS etc).

District Procurement Committee under the chairmanship of Collector(CS) shall sort out any problems arising at the PPCs, Rice Mills, Godowns etc. Open a control room for monitoring of paddy purchases , transportation and to address farmers complaints

### **Increase in Support Price:**

‘A’ Grade per quintal	Rs. 1770
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Common Type per quintal	Rs. 1750
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This year Minimum support price has been increase from Rs. 1550 to Rs. 1750 for common type and Rs. 1590 to Rs. 1440 for ‘A’ grade.

Farmers must compulsorily be paid minimum support and involvement of middlemen should be removed.

Job Chart will be issued to purchase centre organizers, according to this every purchase centre should have five members. Every day details of purchase, rejections should be entered online.

Training must be given to IKP, PACS, Civil Supplies, FCI technical staff on procurement before the establishment of purchasing centers. Meetings should be conducted at district level to declare Kharif Action Plan under Joint Collectors guidance.

Toll free numbers 180042500333 and 1967 are established at the Commissionerate of Civil Supplies, Civil Supplies Bhavan, for making any complaints on MSP and on distribution of PDS rice for immediate redressal. District level Toll Free numbers also should be set up.

Joint Collectors, Officials should focus mainly on storage space, gunny bags, transportation of paddy and CMR allotment.

### **Guidelines for hiring godowns**

Government Godowns should be hired on priority for storage of Custom Milling Rice (CMR) from millers. After that CWC, SWC, AMC should be hired. private godowns should be hired only in case of non availability of government godowns.

Officials must be cautious about Gunny Bags. Keeping view of paddy production gunny bags should be allotted to districts according to the priority basis.

8.59 gunny bags are required for purchasing 34 Lakh Metric Tons of paddy. Gunny bags are made available at purchase centers much earlier.

- Note:**
- 1) Commissioner Akun Sabharwal conducting Video Conference with Joint Collectors on Saturday at NIC.
  - 2) Wall Poster on creating awareness among farmers on MSP is released by Commissioner Akun Sabharwal and other Officers.