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CHENNAI – 7 Nov, 2026 Government doubles OMSS (D) rice sale target from 25 LMT to 50 LMT for 2026-27; 25 LMT already sold through e-auctions up to 31 October 2026.

The Government of India is closely monitoring food grain prices, particularly rice, and undertaking a series of policy interventions to ensure adequate domestic supplies, maintain price stability, prevent hoarding and safeguard consumer interests. In this regard, the Government has undertaken the following measures:

Mandatory Disclosure of Rice and Paddy Stocks Across the Country

The Government of India has issued an order dated 06.11.2026, directing all Traders/Wholesalers, Retailers, Big Chain Retailers and Processors/Millers across all States and Union Territories to declare their stock positions of rice and paddy under the following six categories:

(i) Basmati Rice; (ii) Non-Basmati Premium Rice; (iii) non-Basmati Rice; (iv) Parboiled Rice; (v) Broken Rice; and (vi) Paddy.

All entities stocking rice and paddy are required to disclose their stock positions every Friday on the Food Stock Portal (https://foodstock.dfpd.gov.in) and ensure that the information furnished is accurate and regularly updated. Any entity found unregistered on the portal or violating the prescribed stock limits shall be liable for appropriate punitive action under Sections 6 and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.

Concurrence to Southern States for Imposition of Stock Limits

With a view to ensuring the availability of rice to consumers at reasonable prices, particularly in the Southern States, the Government of India has conveyed its concurrence, vide communication dated 06.11.2026, to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana to impose stock limits on paddy and rice through appropriate control orders, wherever considered necessary.

These stock limits shall remain in force up to 31st January 2027. The Central and State Governments will closely monitor the implementation of these measures to ensure adequate market availability and prevent hoarding and black marketing.

Additional Allocation of Bharat Rice to Expand Market Availability

The Government of India is allocating additional quantities of ‘Bharat Rice’ to three agencies, NAFED, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar with the objective of substantially expanding its sale and availability across the country, particularly in the Southern States. The agencies have also been directed to explore all possible distribution channels to ensure wider reach and easy accessibility of ‘Bharat Rice’ to consumers. The initiative is expected to augment market supplies, improve consumer access to rice at affordable prices and contribute to moderating retail prices.