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उर्वरक विभाग / Department of Fertilizers

Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 19th April, 2024

To

All Chief Secretaries of States/Union Territories

All Agricultural Production Commissioners/Secretaries/Directors (Agri.)

All Fertilizer Companies (as per list attached)

Subject: Modification in the procedure for release of fertilizer subsidy by Department of Fertilizers with the introduction of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) System for various fertilizers.

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to this Department's circular of even number, dated 17.03.2017 (**copy enclosed**) and to convey the procedure for release of fertilizer subsidy under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) System for various fertilizers in the following manner-

2. The fertilizers covered under this system are indigenous and imported Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilizers, Single Super Phosphate (SSP), indigenous urea, City Compost and **Organic Fertilizers**. The approved procedure for the payment of fertilizer subsidy under DBT system is as follows:-

- I. **Month-wise Budget provision on the basis of supply plan/actual sales:-** The Programme Division will prepare an estimate of the monthly expenditure for the disbursement of subsidy on the basis of information provided by the Movement Division, Supply Plan for previous month and/or supply plan for corresponding month of previous year or actual sales with a variation of +/- 10%. The provision of budget will be under the following heads of account:

- a. Indigenous P&K (including SSP)
- b. Indigenous Urea
- c. Imported P&K
- d. City compost (for the bills, if any, prior to discontinuation of scheme on 30th September, 2021)
- e. Organic Fertilizers (effective from 1st April, 2023 or the date of actual sales captured on iFMS).

II. Approval/Sanction of the Competent Authority: Sanction of Competent Authority would be obtained by the Programme Division with the concurrence of IFD for the estimated monthly expenditure. This is an advance sanction (Master Sanction/Mother sanction) for the release of subsidy payments during the month.

III. DBT System: The DBT system entails 100% payment of subsidy to the fertilizer manufacturing/importing companies on the basis of actual sales by the retailer to the beneficiary. The farmers or buyers identity is verified through Aadhar based biometric authentication.

The buyers' details will be captured in the Point of Sale (PoS) machines installed at the retailer's end, having online connectivity with central server. All the Fertilizer sale transactions will be tracked online (Company wise, Plant wise, Product wise, etc.) in the Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS).

IV. After the sale of fertilizers, each company will submit an online claim through IFMS duly signed digitally by the authorized signatory on weekly basis for the quantity sold during the week. The online claims will be submitted on 8th, 16th, 24th and the last working day of the month. In case of public holiday, the claim would be submitted on the next working day. The weekly claims submitted by the companies for a particular month should be verified and certified by the Chartered Accountant/Statutory Auditor on monthly basis. Weekly claims submitted to DOF will be processed on the basis of certification by the Chartered Accountant/Statutory Auditor of the company for the claims of previous month. The applicable Payment procedure under DBT is given at **Annexure-I**.

V. After receipt of the online claims from the companies, the Programme Division processes the same on the next working day. The approval of the Head of Programme Division will be obtained before issue of weekly digital financial sanction by DDO to PAO along with digital bill. The PAO would process the payment through Public Financial Management System (PFMS) and credits the

subsidy amount to the company's bank account. The iFMS will generate Weekly/Monthly expenditure statements for the companies and concerned divisions of DOF. The list of beneficiaries will be made available on the iFMS web portal for all the users. The release of 100% subsidy to the companies shall be made within a period not exceeding 7 working days from the date of submission of claims.

VI. Mode of reconciliation: On 20th of every month (or the next working day if 20th happens to be a holiday), the DDO of respective programme division will generate the statement of bills paid during the preceding month and also submit the budget estimate for next month and seek concurrence of IFD as per the laid down procedure. This needs to be completed by 25th of every month.

VII. Installation of Point of Sale (PoS) Device: The retailer is an important stakeholder in the DBT system. He is the front line agency having interface with the farmer/beneficiary. The 100% payment of subsidy is triggered by the retailer sales at the field level. Therefore, it is essential that the retailers are provided with necessary infrastructure and are well trained to handle the PoS machines, the responsibility for which rests with both fertilizer companies and retailers.

VIII. As per notification No. F.D(FA)/CCEA/2011, dated 12th October, 2012, an incentive of Rs. 50/- was provided to the retailers for installation of IT related equipment for acknowledging the receipt of fertilizers in the m-FMS w.e.f. 1st November, 2012. The incentive shall also be applicable for installation of PoS machines at the retailers' end.

IX. State Certification for Quantity - States would continue to send certificate w.r.t the quantity (proforma-B1), with the proviso that quantity will be certified online within 30 days on the iFMS. Short and sub-standard quantity as reported by the State(s) will not be eligible for subsidy and the subsidy paid, if any, will be recovered from the companies. A 30-day window will be made available for the States on the transparency portal to report any discrepancies in the quantity of fertilizers reported. In case state certification for quantity is not submitted within 30 days, it shall be deemed as no discrepancies on quantity reported by State agencies. However, if any discrepancy w.r.t quantity is reported by State(s) or any other Agency at any later stage, recoveries will be made from the pending claims of the company.



However, the Bills for release of 100% MDA for organic fertilizers can be raised only after the State Government uploads B1 & B2 Certificates in iFMS portal. Hence, the 30-day window as indicated in para IX above is not applicable to organic fertilizers.

X. State Certification for Quality - Currently, Proforma-B2 is required for P&K Fertilizers, urea and SSP for quality certification from States. The existing provision of availability of 180-day window continues for the States to report any discrepancies in the quality of fertilizers reported. If the quality certificate (Proforma-B2) is not submitted within 180 days, it shall also be deemed as no discrepancies w.r.t. quality reported by State Agencies. However, if any discrepancy w.r.t. quality is reported by State(s) or any other Agency at any stage, recoveries will be made from the pending claims of the company.


However, the Bills for release of 100% MDA for organic fertilizers can be raised only after the State Government uploads B1 & B2 certificates in iFMS portal. Hence, the 180-day window as indicated in para X above is not applicable to organic fertilizers.

XI. All payments towards cost of imported urea as well as freight subsidy for all fertilizers shall also continue to be paid as per the existing procedure. However, the sales of imported urea and the beneficiary details will be captured in the iFMS through the PoS devices. Recoveries from companies on account of short/sub-standard fertilizers will continue to be recovered from any bill of the company pending with the Department or through cheque/DD from the companies.

XII. The payment procedure as laid down *vide* O.M. No. D(FA)/CCEA/2011, dated 25.10.2012 and as amended from time to time, will continue to be applicable for non-DBT districts/states till they are brought under DBT system.

3. This issues with the concurrence of IFD *vide* Note#367 dated 18.04.2024 (File No.: 11017/29/2021-PMI-II) and approval of Competent Authority.

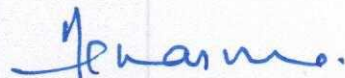
Yours faithfully,


(Aparna S. Sharma)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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Subsidy Payment Procedure under DBT

Fertilizer Type	Procedure for DBT	
	Subsidy Payment	Certifications Required
P&K	100% payment on actual sale of fertilizers by retailers/wholesalers to the beneficiaries on authentication of Identity through Aadhar based biometric system/KCC/Voters ID	Digital Certification from Company's authorized signatory for submission of online claims in IFMS on weekly basis. The weekly claims submitted by the Company for a particular month should be verified and certified by the Chartered Accountant/Statutory Auditor on monthly basis. State Certification for quantity within 30 days State Certification for quality within 180 days
SSP	100% payment on actual sale of fertilizers by retailers/wholesalers to the beneficiaries on authentication of Identity through Aadhaar based biometric system/KCC/ Voters ID	---do--
Urea (Indigenous)	100% payment on actual sale of fertilizers by retailers/wholesalers to the beneficiaries on authentication of Identity through Aadhar based biometric system/KCC/Voters ID	---do--
City Compost	100% payment on actual sale of City Compost by retailers/ wholesalers to the beneficiaries	----do--



	on authentication of Identity through Aadhaar based biometric based system/ KCC/Voters ID.	
Organic Fertilizers	100% payment on actual sale of Organic Fertilizers by retailers/wholesalers to the beneficiaries on authentication of Identity through Aadhaar based biometric system/KCC/ Voters ID.	Digital Certification from Company's authorized signatory for submission of online claims in IFMS on weekly basis. The weekly claims submitted by the Company for a particular month should be verified and certified by the Chartered Accountant/Statutory Auditor on monthly basis.

Note-1: In case State's certification for quantity/quality has not been submitted within 30 days/180 days respectively, it shall be deemed as no discrepancies reported by State Agencies. However, if any discrepancy is reported by State Government or any other Agency later on, the recoveries will be made from other pending claims.

Note-2: The Bills for release of 100% MDA for organic fertilizers can be raised only after the State Government uploads B1 & B2 certificates in iFMS portal. Hence, the 30-days window for quantity certificate and 180-day window for quality certificate is not applicable to organic fertilizers.

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