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To  
All Collectors

**Sub: Quality of Rice under the MDM Programme**

Sir,

Government of India have issued instructions to the FCI to issue fine quality (Grade 'A') rice under the MDM Programme. However, it has come to the notice of Government that very poor quality rice is being released by the FCI to the District Collectors for the MDM Programme in the name of Grade 'A' (fine quality) rice. This has been brought to the notice of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Government of India.

2. You may ensure that poor quality rice issued for the MDM Programme is not lifted under any circumstances. If Grade 'A' (fine quality) rice is not of good quality, the stock released should not be accepted. In such a situation, common quality of rice may be lifted provided it is of good quality and in absolute good condition.

3. Specific complaints about the bad quality of rice may be brought to the notice of the W&CD Department forthwith. This will enable us to take up the matter with the GoI and also request them to carry over the quantity of rice, which could not be lifted in a particular month owing to poor quality and issue it during the following month.

Yours faithfully,

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Copy to Shri Sanjay Kaut, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India for information and necessary action.

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