

MINISTRY GUIDELINES FOR WHEAT Procurement norms for broken grains get a breather

SANDIP DAS New Delhi, May 14

THE FOOD MINISTRY has relaxed the norm for wheat procured by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and state government agencies in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh by increasing the percentage of shrivelled and broken grains to 18% from the existing norm of 6%.

Earlier, the Centre had sent two teams to Punjab to assess the extent of the problem of shrivelled wheat grain procured by government agencies from farmers. Similar request for relaxation in procurement norms for shrivelled and broken grains was received from Haryana as well.

"In order to reduce hardship of farmers and to avoid distress sale of wheat, the limit of shrivelled and broken grains may be relaxed," a communication by the food ministry to Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh stated. Sources said that food ministry officials had visited various mandis in the Punjab to take wheat samples for ascertaining the extent of shrivelled wheat grain caused by the heatwave in the later part of the March, considered as the ripening time for the crop.

The ministry had sent a team to Punjab last month to study the extent of shrivelled grain. The team, in its report, stated that extreme heat in



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March and early April has increased shrivelled grain percentage to 10-20% in the state, as against 6% prescribed by the FCI.

Last month, the Punjab government urged the Centre to relax the quality norms for wheat procurement as higher than prescribed level of shrivelled grains in the state's current crop has led to a fall in purchases. Government agencies have procured 18 million tonne (MT) of wheat from farmers, mostly in key growing states of Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, till Friday — a decline of 49% compared to the same period in the previous year.

Five agencies, including FCI, Markfed and Pungrain, have been entrusted with the wheat procurement at MSP from farmers in Punjab, where more than 9.55 MT has been purchased so far against 13.22 MT purchased a year ago. Officials said procurement in Haryana, Punjab and Chandigarh have been completed.

In Haryana, 4.07 MT has been procured by agencies, while in Madhya Pradesh, more than 4.14 MT has been purchased. In other wheat-growing states like Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and Gujarat, the volume of grain procurement has been marginal. Food secretary Sud-

hanshu Pandey recently said the lower output, coupled with private purchase from farmers by exporters, and traders holding on to the stocks would lead to a 55% year-on-year decline in wheat procurement in the 2022-23 marketing year to 19.5 MT. This means the purchases of the cereal by the government at MSP would hit a 13-year low this year. The government has revised the estimate of wheat production in the 2021-22 crop year (July-June) to 105 MT, down from its February projection of 111.32 MT, based on reports that the early onset of summer in March has adversely impacted crop yield.

Foodmin revises allocation of wheat to 12 states for next 10 months

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AFTER A SHARP drop in wheat procurement this session leading to drop in stocks, the government has reduced allocation of wheat provided to 12 states for the implementation of National Food Security Act (NFSA) during June 2022 till March 2023. Under the revised guidelines, allocation of rice has been increased under NFSA.

A communication by the food ministry has stated that revision in allocation of rice and wheat has been done for the 'management of foodgrains stock as per the norms'. Allocation of wheat under NFSA has been reduced for Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, West Bengal,

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Allocation of wheat under NFSA has been reduced for the 12 states to only 85,320 tonne during June 2022 and March 2023 from the previous norm of 0.21 MT

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2023 from the previous norm of 0.21 million tonne (MT). The allocation of rice under NFSA to these states has been increased to 2.04 MT from 1.9 MT. The government's wheat procurement in the current year may be less than half the level last year, as market prices remain above the minimum support price (MSP) fixed by the government. Purchases of the grain by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and other government agencies at the MSP stood at close to 18 MT on Friday, down 49% from the year-ago level.

Earlier this month, the government had revised grain allocation under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKYA) from May to September 2022.

NTPC's solar capacity Kawas plant starts operations

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STATE-OWNED POWER GIANT NTPC announced the beginning of commercial operation of the first part capacity of 20 MW out of 56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project in Gujarat. "Consequent upon successful commissioning, the first part capacity of 20 MW out of 56 MW Kawas Solar PV Project at Kawas, Gujarat, is declared on Commercial Operation from 00:00 hrs of May 14, 2022," a BSE filing said.

With this, the standalone installed and commercial capacity of NTPC has reached 54,616.68 MW.

PMI Electro to set up its largest electric CV plant in Pune

ELECTRIC BUS MANUFACTURER PMI Electro is setting up its largest electric commercial vehicle (CV) manufacturing

plant in Pune, Maharashtra. PMI laid the foundation stone for the plant at MIDC Chakan Industrial Estate. The 35-acre facility

will be commissioned by August 2023 and will have the capacity to produce 2,500 electric CVs per annum. PMI operates a

manufacturing facility in Delhi-NCR with a production capacity of about 1,500 electric buses per annum. — FE BUREAU

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DEEPAK SPINNERS LIMITED. Address: 194-195, 4th Floor, Industrial Area, Phase-II, Chandigarh 160002. Notice is hereby given that the share certificate No 9731 & 21614 with distinctive no(s) 1879201 to 1879300 & 3067501 to 3067600 for 200 shares of Rs 10/- each in respect of Folio No. - S006428 Registered in the name of Shiv Kumar Garg jointly with Sanjay Garg are reported to be lost and company has received application for issue of duplicate share certificate(s).

PILANI INVESTMENT AND INDUSTRIES CORPORATION LIMITED. Regd. Office: Birla Building, 9/1 R. N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata - 700001. Phone No- 033 4082 3700/ 2220 0600. Website: www.pilaniinvestment.com

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For Pilani Investment and Industries Corporation Limited. Sd/- R. S. KASHYAP, Company Secretary. M. No- FCS-8588. Place : Kolkata Dated : 13.05.2022

SUNDARAM HOME FINANCE LIMITED. Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March 2022. Table with columns: Particulars, Quarter ended 31.03.2022, Quarter ended 31.03.2021, Year ended 31.03.2022, Year ended 31.03.2021. Includes notes at the bottom.

TVS Electronics Limited. Extract of Audited Financial Results for the Quarter and Year ended March 31, 2022. Table with columns: S. No., Particulars, Standalone Financials (Quarter ended, Year ended).

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank. E- Auction Sale Notice. Head Office: Plot No 4, Sector -10, Dwarka, New Delhi -110075. SASTRA Division, Circle Office, Kolkata North, Salt Lake, Sec- 1, Block- DD 11, Kolkata- 700064.

SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS. Table with columns: Lot No., Name of the Branch / Sol-IID, Name of the Account, Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged / Owner's Name, Date of Demand Notice, Reserve Price, Date / Time of E-Auction.