

Open Market Sales Scheme (Domestic)

FCI releases wheat and rice at predetermined prices in the open market from time to time to enhance the supply of wheat and rice especially during the lean season to moderate the open market prices. The expectation of Govt. is that the benefit of open sale in terms of assured supply at reasonable price to the RFMs & traders should be passed on to the consumers.

Presently FCI is undertaking sale of wheat and Raw Rice Grade 'A' to bulk consumers/private traders through e-auction.

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE SCHEME ARE:-

1) The State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations are also allowed to participate in the e-auction, if they require wheat and rice outside TPDS & OWS, without empanelment and submission of EMD. State Governments have to register for e-auction with service provider through FCI Regional Office and obtain the user id and password for participation in the bids. The States are allowed to participate as a single unit.

The Minimum and maximum quantity of wheat per buyer shall be 10 MT and 5000 MT respectively. The maximum quantity for State Govt. Agencies in one tender is 50,000 MT.

The minimum and maximum quantity of Raw Rice Grade-A that a bulk consumer/trader can bid in an e-auction conducted by a Region for a State/UT is 10 MT and 5000 MT respectively. The maximum quantity of rice that a State Govt. can bid in single e-auction is 50,000 MT.

The present form of OMSS(D) comprises of 3 schemes as under:

- (i) Sale of wheat to bulk consumers/private traders through e-auction.
- (ii) Sale of wheat to bulk consumers/private traders through e-auction by dedicated movement.
- (iii) Sale of Raw Rice Grade 'A' to bulk consumers/private traders through e-auction.

Further, to encourage retail sale, Ministry has decided to sell wheat to small (private) traders desirous of purchasing wheat from 1-9 MT per person/party per depot from nominated FCI/State Agency depot at depot-wise reserve price under OMSS(D), without participation in e-auction.