

Proceedings of the Director of Agriculture
Department of Agricultural Development and Farmer's Welfare
Thiruvananthapuram

(Present : Sri. Ashok Kumar Thekkan)

Sub:- Malpractices in the sale of Urea by Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd (MARKETFED)- Annulment of Order of Cancellation of State Wholesale Certificate of Registration- Orders issued.

- Ref:- 1) Order No.TQ(2) 14209/16 dtd 9/5/16 of Additional Director of Agriculture (CP)
- 2) Appeal filed by MARKETFED dtd 16/5/16
- 3) Personal hearing by the Director of Agriculture held on 7/6/16.

Order No TQ(2) 14209/2016 Date: 8/6/2016

As per the reference cited (1), State Wholesale Certificate of Registration for Fertilizer distribution granted to Kerala State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd (MARKETFED) was cancelled, following report on violation of Fertilizer Control Order 1985 and Essential Commodities Act, 1985, by resorting to willful and fraud practices in the distribution of subsidized Urea.

As per reference cited (2), Managing Director, MARKETFED has appealed before the Director of Agriculture to revoke the order of cancellation of State Wholesale Certificate of Registration. Managing Director, MARKETFED has appealed to consider the status of MARKETFED as an apex federation of Primary Marketing Societies and the fact that it is serving the farming community since 1972.

The firm represented by the Managing Director was given a personal hearing by the Appellate Authority on 07/06/16. The Managing Director, MARKETFED has further stated that all precautionary measures have been taken to avoid any violation in future and submitted in writing that the following measures shall be undertaken by MARKETFED for strict compliance of the provisions /regulations stipulated by the Registering Authority.

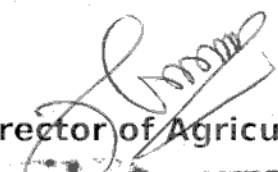
1. MARKETFED shall formulate a monitoring cell to strictly monitor the distribution of subsidized fertilizers and to ensure compliance of all regulations by the licensing authority.
2. In districts where MARKETFED have no stockpoints/godowns, fertilizer distribution schedule shall be intimated to the DDA (E&T) and ADA (QC) of the district concerned.
3. Charge Officers in each district shall be made responsible for forwarding consolidated monthly stock report to be Principal

Agricultural Officer; and shall obtain acknowledgement from all the dealers immediately on supply of fertilizers

4. MARKETFED shall further streamline the fertilizer distribution process, upon receiving the findings/conclusions by the agency currently investigating the alleged malpractices.
5. Other instructions if any from the licensing authority shall also be agreed to, for strict compliance of the provisions/regulations stipulated under FCO, 1985.

After carefully reviewing the assurances given by the Managing Director MARKETFED, and considering that the firm is a Co-operative institution, it is hereby ordered that the order referred (1) above canceling the State Wholesale Certificate of Registration granted to MARKETFED is annulled ; and that MARKETFED is permitted to commence fertilizer distribution in strict compliance of the Fertilizer Control Order 1985 and Essential Commodities Act 1955.

This order is subject to review upon conclusion of the ongoing investigation on the alleged malpractices in the distribution of subsidized urea by MARKETFED.


Director of Agriculture
DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE
KERALA

To

The Managing Director, MARKETFED, Gandhi Nagar, Kochi

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