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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
Department of Food & Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Dated: 17.08.2026

To,

The Secretary/Principal Secretary/Food Commissioner,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Government of.....

(All State Governments/UT Administrations)

Subject: Uniform specifications of paddy, rice, coarse grains and 06 minor millets for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2026-27 for central pool procurement-reg.

Sir/Madam,

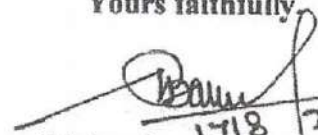
I am directed to forward herewith the Uniform Specifications of paddy, rice, coarse grains and 06 minor millets, namely, Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun), Proso Millet (Cheena), Kodo Millet (Kodo), Little Millet (Kutki) and two Pseudo Millets; Buck-wheat (Kuttu) & Amaranths (Chaulai) for procurement under Central Pool during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2026-27. Further, it is to inform that these specifications will continue to be applicable unless otherwise communicated by the Government of India.

2. It is requested that wide publicity of the Uniform Specifications be made among the farmers in order to ensure that they get due price for their produce and rejection of the stocks is avoided. The procurement of paddy, rice, coarse grains & minor millets during KMS 2026-27 may be ensured by all the States/Union Territories and Food Corporation of India strictly in accordance with the uniform specifications.

3. Receipt of this communication may please be acknowledged.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,


(Vishwajeet Halder)
Joint Commissioner (S&R)
Tele # 23384784

Encl: As above.

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1. The Chairman and Managing Director, Food Corporation of India (FCI), New Delhi.
2. Executive Director (Commercial)/Executive Director (QC), FCI HQ, New Delhi.
3. General Manager (QC)/GM (Procurement), FCI, HQ, New Delhi.
4. All Executive Director (Zones), FCI.

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5. Managing Director, CWC, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, Department of Agri. & Farmers Welfare, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.
7. Sr. PPS to Secretary (F&PD)/PPS to AS&FA/JS (P&FCI)/JS (Admin.) / JS (Stg.)/JS (BP, PD and S&R)/Sr. Economic Advisor.
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12. Director (Technical), NIC with the request to put the information in the Ministry's website.

**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION OF ALL VARIETIES OF PADDY
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)**

Paddy shall be in sound merchantable condition, dry, clean, uniform in colour and size of grains, and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, *Argemone mexicana*, *Lathyrus sativus* (Khesari) and admixture of deleterious substances. All Paddy varieties are classified into two grades, i.e. 'A' and 'Common', based on the length and breadth ratio (L: B). If the ratio is greater than & equal to 2.5, then it is classified as Grade 'A', and if the ratio is less than 2.5, then it is classified as 'Common'.

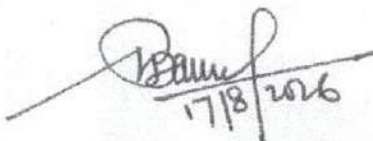
SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

S.No	Refractions	Maximum Limit (%)
1.	Foreign matter	
	a) Inorganic	1.0
	b) Organic	1.0
2.	Damaged, discoloured, sprouted and weevilled grains	5.0*
3.	Immature, Shrunken and shrivelled grains	3.0
4.	Admixture of lower class	6.0
5.	Moisture content	17.0

* Damaged, sprouted and weevilled grains should not exceed 4%.

N. B.

1. The definitions of the above references and method of analysis are to be followed as per BIS 'Method of analysis for foodgrains' Nos. IS 4333(Part 1):2018 and IS 4333(Part 2): 2017 and 'Terminology for foodgrains' IS 2813:1995 & IS 2813:2019, as amended from time to time.
2. The method of sampling is to be followed as per BIS method for sampling of Cereals and Pulses IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
3. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for organic foreign matter, poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5%, of which Dhatura and Akra seeds (*Vicia* species) shall not exceed 0.025% and 0.2% respectively.


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**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION FOR GRADE 'A' & 'COMMON' RICE
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)**

Rice shall be in sound merchantable condition, sweet, dry, clean, wholesome, uniform in colour and size of grains. Rice shall also be free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, an admixture of unwholesome poisonous substances, *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (Khesari) in any form, or colouring agents & all impurities except to the extent in the schedule below.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

S.No	Refractions		Maximum Limit (%)		Maximum Limit for Improved Rice (%)	Maximum Limit for Segregated Broken Rice (%)
			Grade 'A'	Common	Grade A/ Common	Segregated Broken
1.	Broken*	Raw	25.0	25.0	10.0	100%
		Parboiled/single parboiled rice	16.0	16.0	5.0	100%
2.	Foreign Matter**	Raw / Parboiled / single parboiled rice	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
3.	Damaged / Slightly Damaged Grains #	Raw	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
		Parboiled/ single parboiled rice	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
4.	Discolored Grains	Raw	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
		Parboiled/ single parboiled rice	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
5.	Chalky Grains	Raw	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
6.	Red Grains	Raw/Parboiled/Single parboiled rice	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0
7.	Admixture of lower class	Raw/Parboiled/Single parboiled rice	6.0	NA	6.0 (only in case of Grade 'A' Rice)	NA
8.	Dehusked Grains	Raw/Parboiled/Single parboiled rice	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
9.	Moisture content @	Raw/Parboiled/Single parboiled rice	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0

* Not more than 1% by weight shall be small broken.

** Not more than 0.2% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

Including pinpoint damaged grains.

@ Rice (both Raw & Parboiled/Single Parboiled) can be procured with moisture content up to a maximum limit of 15% with value cut. There will be no value cut up to 14%. Between 14% to 15% moisture, a value cut will be applicable at the rate of full value.

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NOTE:

The definition of the above refractions and method of analysis are to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standard "Method of analysis for Foodgrains" Nos IS 4333(Part 1):2018 and IS 4333(Part 2): 2017 and "Terminology for foodgrains" IS 2813:1995 & IS 2813:2019 as amended from time to time. Dehusked grains are rice kernels, whole or broken, which have more than 1/4th of the surface area of the kernel covered with the bran and determined as follows:-

ANALYSIS PROCEDURE: - Take 5 grams of rice (sound head rice and broken) in a petri dish (80X70 mm). Dip the grains in about 20 ml. of Methylene Blue solution (0.05% by weight in distilled water) and allow to stand for about one minute. Decant the Methylene Blue solution. Give a swirl wash with about 20 ml. of dilute hydrochloric acid (5% solution by volume in distilled water). Give a swirl wash with water and pour about 20 ml. of Metanil Yellow solution (0.05% by weight in distilled water) on the blue-stained grains and allow to stand for about one minute. Decant the effluent and wash with fresh water twice. Keep the stained grains under fresh water and count the dehusked grains. Count the total number of grains in 5 grams of sample under analysis. Three broken are counted as one whole grain.

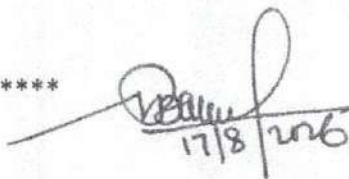
CALCULATIONS:

$$\text{Percentage of dehusked grains} = \frac{N \times 100}{W}$$

Where, N = Number of dehusked grains in 5 grams of sample

W = Total grains in 5 grams of sample.

1. The Method of sampling is to be followed as given in the Bureau of Indian Standards "Method of sampling of Cereals and Pulses" No IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
2. Broken less than 1/8th of the size of full kernels will be treated as organic foreign matter. For determination of the size of the broken, the average length of the principal class of rice should be taken into account.
3. Inorganic foreign matter shall not exceed 0.20% in any lot, if it is more, the stocks should be cleaned and brought within the limit. Kernels or pieces of kernels having mud sticking on the surface of rice shall be treated as Inorganic foreign matter.
4. In case of rice prepared by pressure parboiling technique, it will be ensured that the correct process of parboiling is adopted, i.e. pressure applied, the time for which pressure is applied, proper gelatinisation, aeration and drying before milling are adequate so that the colour and cooking time of parboiled rice are good and free from encrustation of the grains.


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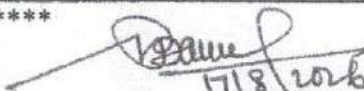
STANDARDS OF RICE FOR ISSUE TO STATE GOVERNMENTS/ UT ADMINISTRATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTION UNDER TPDS AND OTHER WELFARE SCHEMES.

Guidelines for issue/disposal of wheat and rice have been issued vide Department letter No 8-2/98-DRIII dated 27.01.1998 and 13.11.1998. Gist of standards of rice for issue to States/UTs for distribution under TPDS and OWSs along with updated illustrations for KMS 2026-27 is as under:

1. Ready issuable stocks are fit for human consumption and should conform to the standards of the Food Safety and Standards Act and Rules framed thereunder.
2. Rice stocks falling within A, B & C categories (categorisation is based on damaged and discoloured grains), conforming to food safety norms and free from insect infestation are ready stocks. Ready stocks may be issued under TPDS and OWSs provided the refractions in respect of broken grains, red grains and de-husked grains are upto 20% in excess of the uniform specifications.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

S.No	Refractions		Maximum limit (%) as per uniform specifications for Grade 'A' & Common (At the time of procurement)	Maximum permissible limit (%) for Grade 'A' & Common (At the time of distribution)	Maximum Limit as per uniform specifications for Improved Rice (%) Grade 'A' & Common (At the time of procurement)	Maximum permissible limit of Improved Rice (%) for Grade 'A' & Common (At the time of distribution)
1.	Damaged/Slightly Damaged/Pin-point Damaged Grains	Raw	3.0	5.0	3.0	5.0
		Parboiled/Single Parboiled Rice	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.0
2.	Discolored Grains	Raw	3.0	7.0	3.0	7.0
		Parboiled/Single Parboiled Rice	5.0	7.0	5.0	7.0
3.	Broken	Raw	25.0	30.0	10.0	12.0
		Parboiled/Single Parboiled Rice	16.0	19.0	5.0	6.0
4.	Chalky Grains	Raw	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
5.	Red Grains	Raw/Parboiled/Single Parboiled Rice	3.0	4.0	3.0	4.0
6.	Dehusked Grains	Raw/Parboiled/Single Parboiled Rice	13.0	16.0	13.0	16.0
7.	Foreign Matter	Raw/Parboiled/Single Parboiled Rice	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0


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**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION FOR JOWAR
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)**

The Jowar shall be dried and matured grains of *Sorghum vulgare*. It shall have uniform size and shape. It shall be in sound merchantable condition. The procurement of the foodgrain commodity under the central pool shall be carried out as per the schedule of specifications given below.

2. Jowar shall be sweet, hard, clean, wholesome and free from *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (khesari) in any form, colouring matter, moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, admixture of deleterious substances and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below:

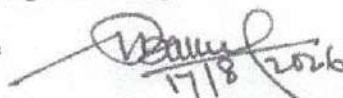
SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

S. No	Refractions	Maximum Limits (%)
1.	Foreign matter*	1.0%
2.	Other foodgrains	2.0%
3.	Damaged grains	1.0%
4.	Slightly damaged & discoloured grains	5.0%
5.	Shrivelled & Immature grains	4.0%
6.	Weevilled grains	1.0%
7.	Moisture content	13%

* Not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

N. B.

1. The definition of the above refractions and method of analysis are to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of Analysis for foodgrains' Nos. IS 4333(Part 1):2018 and IS 4333(Part 2): 2017 and 'Terminology for foodgrains' IS 2813:1995 & IS 2813:2019 as amended from time to time.
2. The method of sampling is to be followed as given in the Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of sampling of Cereals and Pulses' No. IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
3. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for Foreign Matter, the poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5% of which Dhatura and Akra seeds (*Vicia species*) shall not to exceed 0.025% and 0.2% respectively.
4. Kernels with glumes will not be treated as unsound grains. During physical analysis, the glumes will be removed and treated as organic foreign matter.


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**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION FOR BAJRA
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)**

The Bajra shall be the dried and matured grains of *Pennisetum typhoides*. It shall have uniform size and shape. It shall be in sound merchantable condition. The procurement of the foodgrain commodity under the central pool shall be carried out as per the schedule of specifications given below.

2. Bajra shall be sweet, hard, clean, wholesome and free from *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (khesari) in any form, colouring matter, moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, admixture of deleterious substances and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below:

SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

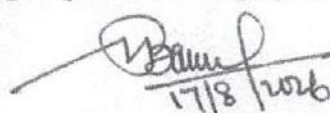
S. No	Refractions	Maximum Limits (%)
1.	Foreign matter*	1.0%
2.	Other foodgrains	2.0%
3.	Damaged grains	1.0%
4.	Slightly damaged & discoloured grains**	5.0%
5.	Shrivelled & Immature grains	4.0%
6.	Weevilled grains	1.0%
7.	Moisture content	13%

* Not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

** Bajra grains which are dull in appearance, having changed the colour due to deteriorative changes are to be considered as discoloured grains and bajra grains having natural lustre and sound in condition, even of different colour due to genetic/variatal characteristics, may be treated as sound kernels.

N.B.

1. The definitions of the above refractions and method of analysis are to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of analysis for Foodgrains' Nos IS 4333(Part 1):2018 and IS 4333(Part 2): 2017 and "Terminology for foodgrains" IS 2813:1995 & IS 2813:2019 as amended from time to time.
2. The method of sampling is to be followed as given in the Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of Sampling of Cereals and Pulses' No IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
3. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for Foreign Matter, the poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5%, of which Dhatura and Akra seeds (*Vicia* species) shall not exceed 0.025% & 0.2%, respectively.
4. Kernels with glumes will not be treated as unsound grain. During physical analysis, the glumes will be removed and treated as organic foreign matter.
5. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for damaged grains, the Ergoty kernels shall not exceed 0.05%.


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**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION FOR MAIZE
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)**

The matured grain of maize (*Zea mays*) shall be in the dried form. The grains shall have a uniform size, colour, shape and be in sound merchantable condition. The procurement of the foodgrain commodity under the central pool shall be carried out as per the schedule of specifications given below.

2. Maize grains shall be sweet, hard, clean, wholesome, and free from *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (Khesari) in any form, colouring matter, moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, an admixture of deleterious substances, and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below:

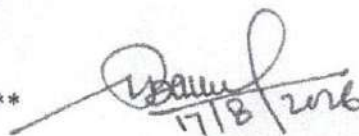
SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

S. No.	Refractions	Maximum Limits (%)
1.	Foreign matter*	1.0
2.	Other foodgrains	2.0
3.	Damaged grains	1.5
4.	Slightly damaged, discoloured and touched grains	4.5
5.	Shrivelled & Immature grains	3.0
6.	Weevilled grains	1.0
7.	Moisture content	14.0

* Not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

N.B.

1. The definition of the above refractions and method of analysis are to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of Analysis for Foodgrains' Nos. IS 4333(Part 1):2018 and IS 4333(Part 2): 2017 and 'Terminology for foodgrains' IS 2813:1995 & IS 2813:2019 as amended from time to time.
2. The method of sampling is to be followed as given in the Bureau of Indian Standard 'Method of sampling of cereals and pulses' No. IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
3. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for foreign matter, the poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5%, of which Dhatura and Akra Seeds (*Vicia* species) shall not exceed 0.025% and 0.2% respectively.
4. The small-sized maize grains, if the same are otherwise fully developed, should not be treated as shrivelled and immature grains.


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**UNIFORM SPECIFICATION FOR RAGI
(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)**

The Ragi grains shall be dried, matured grains of *Eleusine coracana*. The grains shall have a uniform size and shape and shall be in sound, merchantable. The procurement of the foodgrain commodity under the central pool shall be carried out as per the schedule of specifications given below.

2. Ragi shall be sweet, hard, clean, wholesome, and free from moulds, weevils, obnoxious smell, *Argemone mexicana* and *Lathyrus sativus* (Khesari) in any form, colouring matter, an admixture of deleterious substances, and all other impurities except to the extent indicated in the schedule below:

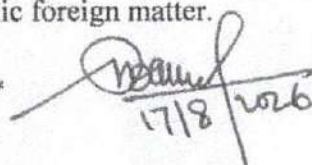
SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATION

S. No	Refractions	Maximum Limits (%)
1.	Foreign matter*	1.0
2.	Other foodgrains	1.0
3.	Damaged grains	1.0
4.	Slightly damaged grains	2.0
5.	Moisture content	12.0

* Not more than 0.25% by weight shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10% by weight shall be impurities of animal origin.

N. B.

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2. The method of sampling is to be followed as given in Bureau of Indian Standards 'Method of sampling of cereals and pulses' No. IS: 14818-2000 as amended from time to time.
3. Within the overall limit of 1.0% for foreign matter, the poisonous seeds shall not exceed 0.5% of which Dhatura and Akara seeds (*Vicia* species) shall not exceed 0.025% and 0.2% respectively.
4. Kernels with husk will not be treated as unsound grains. During physical analysis, the husk will be removed and treated as organic foreign matter.


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UNIFORM SPECIFICATION OF 06 MINOR MILLETS NAMELY *i.e.* FOXTAIL MILLET (KANGANI/KAKUN), PROSO MILLET (CHEENA), KODO MILLET (KODO), LITTLE MILLET (KUTKI) AND TWO PSEUDO MILLETS; BUCKWHEAT (KUTTU) AND AMARANTHS (CHAULAI)

(KHARIF MARKETING SEASON 2026-2027)

This standard applies to 06 minor millets, namely *i.e.* Foxtail Millet (Kangani/Kakun), Proso Millet (Cheena), Kodo Millet (Kodo), Little Millet (Kutki) and two pseudo millets: Buckwheat (Kuttu) and Amaranths (Chaulai). The millet grain shall be in sound merchantable condition. The procurement of the foodgrain commodity under the central pool shall be carried out as per the schedule of specifications given below.

2. The specification applies to the millet grain which shall be free from poisonous, toxic, noxious, or obnoxious seeds and added colouring matter, rodent hair and excreta.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIFICATIONS

S.No	Parameter	Recommendation of DFPD on Uniform Specifications for KMS 2026-27
		Maximum Limit (%)
1.	Moisture Content (not more than, % by mass)	13.0%
2.	Extraneous Matter	Not more than 1.0 per cent by mass, of which not more than 0.25 per cent by mass shall be mineral matter and not more than 0.10 per cent by mass shall be impurities of animal origin.
3.	Other edible grains (not more than % by mass)	2.0 %
4.	Grains with serious defects. (Grain in which the cotyledon has been affected or attacked by pests; grains with very slight traces of mould or decay; or cotyledon staining.) (not more than, % by mass)	1.0 %
5.	Grains with slight defects. (Grains which have not reached normal development; grains with extensive seed coat staining, without the cotyledon being affected; grains in which the seed coat is wrinkled, with pronounced folding or broken grain) (not more than, % by mass)	5.0 %
6.	Weevil Grains (not more than, % by count)	1.0 %
7.	Immature and Shrivelled grains (not more than, % by mass)	4.0 %

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