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To
All Joint Collectors,

CIRCULAR NO. PDS-2

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An incident has been reported in one of the districts, where one lorry from one MLS Point was dispatched at 6.00 PM with SGRY (SC) rice by Stage II transport contactor along with Route Officer who was a Panchayat Secretary of the village where the rice was scheduled to go (.). The distance of the village from MLS Point is 12 KM only with 1 KM on State Highway and 11 KM on internal road (.). On Receipt of information at about 8.30 PM, the concerned MRO has proceeded to check the movement of the lorry and found it on the road side with the driver only present but not having any documents (.). The Route Officer was later found sitting in a nearby rice mill with the relevant movement documents (.). Further action was taken by the MRO by seizing it and taking to Police Station and thus the possible diversion of rice to the mill was prevented (.).

In this regard, the following issues arise in the matter for taking necessary action (.)

1. The movement at late evening hours has perhaps given more scope for deviation (.). More alertness when vehicles move out at the fag end of the day, therefore, is necessary (.). Special watch on vehicles moving out after 5 PM may be directed to local MRO (.).
2. The time gap of 2 ½ hours has taken place, which shows that the monitoring of the vehicle movement with reference to time and distance to prevent scope for any deviation is a critical factor and the same needs to be incorporated in the monitoring system (.). The expected time of arrival (ETA) may be noted in the movement documents like RO etc (.).
3. The Route Officer has taken the documents pertaining to the consignment from the driver, which is not a part of his duty (.). The documents should be always kept in the vehicle till the stocks are handed over to dealer (.).
4. The mills which are easily identifiable being the susceptible destinations for deviation should be equally kept under monitoring so as to prevent movement of stage II vehicles to such un-authorized places. Random and regular checks

at such premises by local Revenue officials would definitely strengthen the vigilance at such vulnerable points (.)

5. The Information about the possible diversion was received from some other persons which shows that if local officers kept their eyes and ears open, then this can be prevented and timely preventive action can be taken, as happened in the instant case (.) Local intelligence should be tapped and acted upon (.)
6. As soon as MRO issues RO, he should also send copy to the village and get it posted on dealer's shop premises for local information (.) This transparency will help elicit intelligence from local people if any delay or doubt arises (.)

All the Joint Collectors are therefore, requested to review the monitoring system in their districts and incorporate the necessary preventive measures, so that possible deviation can be prevented by timely action in advance (.) The main feature of this should be a reporting system, where the reports of despatch and arrival of rice is monitored at both ends, with reference to the distance, time and cross-checks with persons concerned and the same should be reviewed by the MROs and the RDOs (.) Random checks can be made physically at the destination point based on the reports received to ensure that the reporting is correct and the movement is taking place as per schedule without any deviation (.) Such a close monitoring will help alert the functionaries down the line, so as to remove any scope of such possible deviations (.)

Joint Collectors are requested to take special interest in discussing and planning this item, before issuing circular instructions so that results are effectively perceived at the ground level (.) They may also send their feed-back and suggestions in this regard, so that it can be shared with other districts if necessary (.)

A report on the action taken on points 1 to 6 above may be sent at the earliest in this regard (.)

Sd/-

V.C. & MANAGING DIRECTOR

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