

**PUNJAB STATE GRAINS PROCUREMENT CORPORATION (PUNGRAIN)  
JEEVENDEEP BUILDING, SECTOR- 17, CHANDIGARH**

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All District Managers,  
Pungrain

**Sub: Provision of labour arrangements for stacking and de-stacking of the stocks in PEG godowns.**

Pungrain had appointed Handling & Labour Contractor in each PEG depot for a period of one year up to 31.03.2014. The duties and responsibilities of the contractor are well explained in the tender document. It is the basic duty of the contractor to unload and stack the stocks properly in such a way, that the stacks remain stable during the entire storage period. Similarly, HLC is responsible for stacking the rice bags dumped by the millers on the platform and ensure that all the spillages are filled up in loose bags if any, and stack the same. The pads of bags are built by the labourers to facilitate proper stacking and it is also the responsibility of the contractor to remove those pads and stack the same properly. In nutshell, no loose, cut and torn, partially filled bags or any loose grain should be allowed to remain in the shed and it is the responsibility of the contractor to collect all loose grains and refilled in the bags and stack the same.

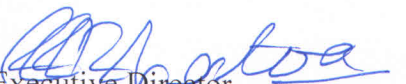
2. Similarly, during de-stacking/issue, it is the responsibility of the contractor to ensure that no loose, cut and torn bags are issued and those should be repaired and properly refilled wherever required. The remnant loose bags and loose grain need to be collected properly refilled, stitched and issued out.
3. Instances have come to the notice where large scale stacks were found to be collapsed and those were not rectified by the concerned HLC. With the result, the PMS contractor could not carry out the proper treatment/fumigation of such stacks and consequently, FCI has deducted huge amount out of the PMS/Supervision Charges claimed by Pungrain.
4. Similarly, the reports are pouring in frequently from FCI after their inspections, that huge loose grain, partially filled, cut and torn bags remained lying in the PEG depots for weeks together after the stocks are liquidated during loading of rakes and receipt operations. FCI is also recovering huge amounts out of the bills on account of these deficiencies also.
5. The demurrage caused due to slow loading of stocks to feed Rakes and recovered by FCI is also required to be made good from the HLC only. There are instance where the storage space could not be used because of negligence/ internal dispute with labour etc. and FCI have recovered huge amount out of our bills, for this also the responsibility lies on the HLC only as he has failed to perform its contractual obligations therefore HLC is answerable to such losses.

6. In view of the above, DM, Pungrain is requested to take a serious note of such deficiencies on the part of HLC and also the huge recoveries being made by the FCI. At the first instance, you may educate the respective HLCs about their duties and responsibilities and in case still they fail to fulfil their contractual obligations, the recovery made by FCI on account of above said discrepancies including failure of treatment may be made good from the concerned Handling & Labour Contractor. The field officers may be fully made aware of about the responsibilities of HLC.

  
Executive Director,  
Pungrain, Chandigarh 6/02/14

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1. All Deputy Directors (Field).
2. M/s. Soma Punjab Warehousing (P) Ltd.
3. M/s. Origo Commodities (P) Ltd.
4. Superintendent, IT Cell with the request to place the circular on department's website.

  
Executive Director,  
Pungrain, Chandigarh. 6/02/14