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Government of Jammu & Kashmir Department of Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Civil Secretariat, J&K, Srinagar

Subject: - Providing of Transport by the J&K SRTC for carriage of Foodgrains in respect of Jammu Division.

Ref:- (i)Cabinet Decision No.106/11/2016 dated:09-12-2016.

(ii) Government OrderNo.200-FCS&CA of 2016 dated:14-12-2016

(iii) Minutes of the meeting Chaired by Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. dated:05-04-2018

Government Order No. :- 10 9 -FCS&CA of 2018

D a t e d :- 05 -04 -2018

Whereas, Directorate of FCS&CA Jammu vide letter No. DFCS&CA/J/Acctts/2017-18/33-34 dated 04-04-2018 has, in reference to the Assistant Director, FCS&CA, Ramban's letter dated:03-04-2018, intimated the Traffic Manager(Load), J&K SRTC Jammu that the Corporation is not making available the requisite number of trucks due to which the Assistant Director FCS&CA, Ramban is not able to lift the foodgrains from FCI Godown and the Release Orders have to be renewed every month, thus inviting hue and cry from the public.

Whereas, the Commissioner/Secretary to the Government FCS&CA Department convened a meeting of the following officers on 05-04-2018 to discuss the issue:-

- Managing Director, J&K SRTC.
- 2. Director, Department of FCS&CA Jammu/Kashmir.
- 3. Financial Advisor, FCS&CA Department.
- 4. Additional Secretary to Government Department of FCS&CA.
- 5. Additional Secretary to Government Transport Department.
- 6. Assistant Director, T&S Jammu.

Whereas, on enquiring from the MD J&K SRTC the cause of the reported strike by the crew of the Corporation due to which the Department has suffered in timely transportation of foodgrains from the point of their lifting to the designated places, the MD, J&K SRTC informed the meeting that the crew is agitated with the rates offered by the Department for transportation of Foodgrains vide Government

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Order No. 89 of FCS&CA of 2018 dated:27-03-2018, and subsequent order No. 672-FCS&CAK of 2018 dated 31-03-2018 of the Director FCS&CA Kashmir, whereunder the Department awarded contract to M/s Iqbal Motor Transport service, Kangan for carriage of Foodgrains/sugar in respect of Kashmir Division on the rates offered to the Department as 32.6% rebate on the rates approved by the J&K SRTC.

Whereas, the Director FCS&CA Jammu informed that the Department has been put to great sufferings due to non-availability of transport facilities for carriage of foodgrains from one place to the another. The SRTC crew has not only gone on strike but has also made hurdles to the privates hired trucks to transport foodgrains of the Department. The attitude has caused immense difficulties to the Department to provide timely ration to the consumers. Besides, Assistant Director Trade and Stores, Jammu cautioned that the Department would have to pay a penalty of Rs. 40 Lakhs per day if the foodgrains purchased from the FCI under MMSFES are not lifted from the designated places well within the stipulated time.

Whereas, the Managing Director J&K SRTC was advised in the public interest to ensure that the strike of the crew of the J&K SRTC is called off and the fleet of trucks for carriage of foodgrains of the Department is provided in respect of the entire Jammu division within two days positively so that the commitment of the Department to provide timely rations to the consumers is ensured and the Department / consumers are not put to any further sufferings.

Whereas, the Department shall have an approximate saving of Rs. 57.00 crores in transportation charges on account of 32.6 percent rebate as offered by M/s Iqbal Motor Transport Service on the JK SRTC approved rates in respect of Kashmir Division.

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Keeping in view of the above, and in the interest of Administration clubbed with ensuring uninterrupted Supply Chain Management of foodgrains, it is hereby ordered that the J&K SRTC would provide the available fleet of trucks to the Director FCS&CA, Jammu for carriage of foodgrains of the Department in respect of the entire Jammu Division within two days positively. It is further ordered

that in case the Corporation fails to provide the requisite fleet as per requirements of the FCS&CA Department, Jammu, the Director, FCS&CA Jammu is hereby authorized to arrange/hire the trucks from the open market below the rates approved by the J&K SRTC in light of Cabinet decision No. 106/11/2016 dated:09-12-2016 and Government Order No. 200 FCS&CA of 2016 dated:14-12-2016.

By order of the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

Sd/-(Mohammad Mehraj-ud-Din Khan)IAS Comm./Secy to Government, Department of FCS &CA.

No:FCS&CA/Accounts/Tender(Transport)/134/2017 Dated:-0504-2018 Copy to the:-

- 1. Divisional Commissioner, Jammu.
- 2. Managing Director, J&K SRTC.
- 3. Director, FCS&CA Department Jammu/Kashmir.
- 4. All Deputy Commissioners of Jammu Province.
- 5. Principal Private Secretary to Hon'ble Minister, Department of FCS&CA for information of Hon'ble Minister.
- 6. Private Secretary to Commissioner/Secretary, FCS&CA Department for information of the Commissioner/Secretary.
- 7. All Assistant Directors, FCS&CA Department of Jammu Province.
- 8. Government Order file.

(Zia-ur-Rehman) Financial Advisor, Department of FCS&CA