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Pondicherry govt announced free 10 kg rice and 5 kg wheat per month under the PDS to eligible families replacing the 2-month old system of disbursing Rs 300 per family through banks, as he presented Rs 6,450-crore tax free state budget for 2015-16. The state Government had modified the scheme discontinuing supply of 10 kg rice to the families and started disbursing Rs 300 per month to them through banks since March this year. Consumer would start getting 10 kg single boiled rice and 5 kg wheat from Next month (May).

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All India Average rice price in the third week of April was moved weak by 4.35% from previous week and currently hover in the range of Rs2700-2750/quintal; market took some recovery from current level as it was around 11% up from last week. We expect market is likely to move in the range bound to firm in coming weeks. Major producer Andhra Pradesh price was seen too weak and down by 0.66% from last week and now average rice price in the state was hover in between Rs.3550-3660/quintal in this week even with rabi crop damage in the state.

All-India progressive procurement of Rice as on 10.04.2015 for the marketing season 2014-15 was 249.31 lakh tonnes against the procurement of 247.83 lakh tonnes up to the corresponding period of last year. Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Haryana are the major contributor for rice procurement with contribution of 77.81 lakh tonnes, 33.55 Lakh T and 20.01 Lakh T respectively, However in MY-2014-15 contribution by Punjab is lower by 4% from last year same period of 88.06 lakh tonnes due to lower production estimates for MY-2014-15 and comparatively high open market price.

A government advisory body the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) on crop pricing has recommended a modest increase of Rs 50 per quintal in the minimum support price for paddy farmers. In its MSP proposals made to Agriculture Ministry for various kharif (summer-sown) crops for 2015-16, the paddy MSP has been suggested to be increased to Rs 1,410 a quintal from Rs. 1,360 for common variety and Rs. 1450 from Rs 1,400 for 'A grade' variety paddy. For the 2014-15 kharif seasons, the previous government had also raised the support price of paddy by Rs 50 per quintal to Rs 1,360 for common variety and to Rs 1,400 for 'A grade' variety paddy.

China is likely to begin rice import from India in July this year, as domestic consumption is increased in 2014-15 by 1.43% from last year as per by USDA. China previously restricted the import of Indian basmati rice due to Khapra beetle.

Price Outlook:-Average Rice price in all India is likely to trade steady to slightly Firm in 02nd Week of April.

International Market Highlight:

The FAO has lowered its 2014 estimated global paddy production by 3.3 million tonnes since December, to 741.3 million tonnes (494.4 million tonnes of it milled), a level only 0.5 per cent below the record 2013 performance. The largest downward revision related to Thailand, one of the world's leading rice exporters, where unseasonable dryness leading to severe constraints in water availability for irrigation took a heavy toll on secondary crop production, the April 2015 issue of the "FAO Rice Market Monitor" states.

Thailand's rice production (paddy) declined by 2.7 per cent in 2014 to 34.3 million tonnes (22.7 million tonnes of milled rice), due mainly to a decline of secondary crop outputs affected by cuts in planted areas. However, in 2015, Thailand is expected to increase production by 2.1 per cent.

The Commerce Ministry is monitoring the price of rice in the world market day by day to see when it can reopen bidding this year for government stocks, since it is afraid of hurting the rice price in the local market. With the sluggishness in global rice trading, local exporters are focusing more on government-to-government contracts, which they see as helping drive shipments for the whole year. Factors affecting sales of rice abroad are global currency volatility, a stronger baht, droughts and monsoons in many producing and importing countries, lower oil prices and the global economic slowdown. With the global rice market cooling down, the ministry has had to delay the year's third rice auction from this month. According to the Thai Rice Exporters Association, rice exports are projected at about 8 million to 8.5 million tonnes this year. The government needs to be more careful about dumping huge quantities of rice on the market in order to prevent prices from dropping.

The FAO has estimated Pakistan will export about 3.8 million tons of rice in 2015, slightly up from 2014 due to expected increased production this year. The FAO estimates Pakistan's 2014 paddy rice production at about 10.1 million tons (about 6.85 million tons, basis milled), down about 1% from about 10.19 million tons (about 6.93 million tons, basis milled) produced in 2013, due to localized crop damages in some eastern parts of Punjab, Gilgit Baltistan and Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK), following floods in September and drought in south-eastern parts of Sindh province.

Iran's likely resumption of import is unlikely to drive market up suddenly as stock is ample owing to bumper crop this year. However, higher expected demand from EU may support cash market at current level and resultantly aromatic rice market may get firmer by 2 to 3 percent in the short to medium term. Commerce ministry expects 8 to 10 lakh tonne import by Iran in 2014-15.Usually Iran imports 12 to 13 lakh tonne basmati rice from India.

Colombian rough/paddy rice production is expected to increase 130,000 MT to 1.98 million MT in MY2015/16. In 2014, the area planted fell by about 60,000 hectares (148,000 acres). As a result, rice production declined 132,000 MT. Reduced supplies at the end of CY 2014 put upward pressure on rice prices, increasing 53% since December 2014.

The MY 2015/16 (October to September) Mexico rice production is forecast at 240,000 MT, with harvested area estimated at 41,000 ha. This year's rough rice production level converts to 165,000 MT of milled rice. The Post/New total rice production estimate for MY 2014/15 has been revised slightly upward from USDA/Official estimates to 230,000 MT (rough production) reflecting the most recent data from SAGARPA (Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food). The increase in rough rice production is equivalent to 158,000 MT of milled rice.

Rice Prices in Various Markets:

April-24-2015(Rs./Qtl)	White Rice 5% Broken	White Rice 25% Broken
Gujarat	2418.32	2259.22
Andhra Pradesh	2393.32	2217.20

Rice Prices in Various Markets

Market	Arrivals	Variety	Minimum Price	Maximum Price	Modal Price
	(Tonnes)		(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)	(Rs./Quintal)
Andhra Pradesh					
Addanki	NR	B P T	3600	3650	3620
Divi	0.1	B P T	3100	3200	3100
Kondapi	0.1	B P T	3400	3600	3500
Machilipatnam	NR	B P T	3600	3800	3700
		Coarse	2400	2500	2450
Nandyal	0.1	Sona Fine	4700	4800	4750
Ongole	0.1	B P T	3500	3600	3550
Repalli	0.1	B P T	3800	4000	3900
Visakhapatnam	0.1	B P T	3500	3700	3600
Assam					
North Lakhimpur	NR	Common	1800	2000	1900
		Fine	2600	2800	2700
		Super Fine	3000	4000	3500
Gujarat					
Dahod	47.6	Coarse	3600	4300	4000
Jharkhand					
Chakulia	NR	Fine	2170	2380	2320
		Medium	1970	2075	2040
Deoghar	75	Fine	3300	3600	3500
		Medium	2300	2500	2400
		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1600	1800	1700
Gumla	24	Other	2600	2900	2750
Jamshedpur	14	Fine	2590	2650	2620
		Medium	2010	2050	2030
Khunti	NR	Coarse	1750	1850	1800
		Fine	2500	2700	2550
		Medium	2350	2450	2400
Koderma	52	Fine	3300	3500	3400
		Medium	2300	2500	2400

		Motta (Coarse) Boiled	1600	1800	1700
Kerala					
Mannar	10	IR-8	3500	3700	3600
		Jaya	3600	3800	3700
		Other	4000	4200	4100
Manipur					
Bishenpur	1.4	Other	2800	2800	2800
Imphal	3.3	Other	NR	2900	2900
Lamlong Bazaar	1	Other	NR	2900	2900
Thoubal	1.5	Other	2800	2800	2800
Orissa					
Chandabali	85	Common	1800	2800	2200
Deogarh	9	Other	2000	3000	2500
Jajpur	20	Other	2000	2600	2600
Rahama	2.6	Other	2000	2800	2200
Tusura	5	Other	2400	2500	2400
Udala	34	Other	1900	4600	2400
Uttar Pradesh					
Agra	63	III	1970	2050	2015
Bahraich	146	III	2060	2090	2075
Ballia	180	III	1950	2050	1975
Barabanki	61	III	2000	2030	2015
Baraut	12.5	III	1970	2180	2085
Basti	54	III	1850	2000	1910
Bijnaur	6.5	III	NR	NR	2050
Dadri	80	III	1960	2200	2125
Devariya	100	III	1950	1970	1960
Fatehpur	65	III	NR	NR	2160
Gazipur	39	III	1985	2015	2000
Gonda	850	III	1990	2020	2010
Khaga	8.5	Coarse	NR	NR	2110
Khatauli	205021002130	III	2050	2130	2100
Khurja	4.5	III	1960	2200	2070
Lakhimpur	12	Coarse	2100	2200	2115
Mainpuri	125	Coarse	1880	2000	1940
Mawana	1.2	III	NR	NR	2100
Muradabad	12	III	NR	NR	2050

Nagina	105	Common	NR	NR	2030
Partaval	8	III	1930	1960	1945
Payagpur	5.5	III	2050	2085	2070
Pilibhit	100	Coarse	2150	2190	2170
Shahjahanpur	117.8	Other	2050	2095	2080
Sitapur	22	Coarse	1990	2160	2105
Siyana	1.5	III	NR	NR	2040
Sultanpur	800	Other	2000	2065	2035
Varanasi(Grain)	3870	Other	1990	2030	2010
Yusufpur	30	III	1890	1960	1920
Uttrakhand					
Gadarpur	2222	Other	1465	2211	1838
West Bengal					
Baxirhat	35	Masuri	2875	2925	2900
Birbhum	480	Common	1840	1890	1860
Habra	70	Other	1900	1900	1900
Kaliaganj	24	Other	2450	2550	2500
Raiganj	33	Other	2550	2650	2600
Sainthia	470	Other	1845	1895	1860
Toofanganj	42.5	Fine	2875	2925	2900

(Arrivals and Prices in Rs/Qtl)