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**Sub: Safe Custody of ePoP Devices**

It is observed that about 67 nos. of ePoPs allotted to various Paddy Purchase Societies have not been used even for ten (10) transactions during the present KMS till date. It is also observed that 1,279 nos. of ePoPs have not been used for a single day in the month of March, 2024. This indicates that the selection of the PPS was not done properly. The DCF&S and CMR agencies are advised to remain careful in future while selecting PPS.

As all Societies working in this KMS may not work in the next KMS and loss or damage of any ePoP being a costly item will cause a financial liability to the CMR agencies, so it needs to be preserved in safe custody.

For safe custody and optimum utilization of ePoP devices, following guidelines are mentioned :

1. **ePOP devices allotted to CPC** will continue to remain in use and under safe custody of POs & DOs for full KMS.
2. **ePOP devices allotted to mCPC** will continue to remain in use and under safe custody of POs & DOs as long as mCPCs are engaged in scheduling of purchase camps and registration & updation of farmers details as decided by respective DCF&Ss. After that DCF&S shall take back these ePOP devices under proper acknowledgment whenever mCPCs activities are discontinued for this KMS and keep under their safe custody.
3. On the occasion of transfer / retirement, the PO will hand over the ePoP to the relieving officer, either the DO or PO.
4. **ePOP devices allotted to PPSs through CMR agencies** will be handled in the following manner-
  - i. **All ePoP devices which have not been used even for 10 purchase transactions in this KMS till date by the PPS and the ePoP devices which were used for purchase transactions before 01.03.2024 and presently not in use** shall be collected from the Purchase Centres (Societies/SHGs/etc) immediately by the District Head / Nodal Officer of the CMR Agency concerned immediately but not later than 09.04.2024.

- ii. These devices shall be handed over by the District Head / Nodal Officer of the CMR Agency to DCF&S immediately but not later than 15.04.2024.
- iii. DCF&S will return these ePOP devices to Linkwell Telesystems Pvt. Ltd., System Integrator immediately but not later than 25.04.2024.
- iv. **All ePOP devices allotted to PPS and which are being used in April and will be used during Boro season shall continue to be used for scheduling of purchase camps, purchase of paddy, registration & updation of farmers details till the period as decided by respective DCF&Ss and CMR agencies. After the decision is taken by DCF&S / CMR agencies for closure of the paddy purchase operations or when the KMS is over, all such ePoP devices shall be taken back by the district nodal officer of concerned CMR agency and handed over to DCF&S. DCF&S will return these ePOP devices to Linkwell Telesystems Pvt. Ltd., System Integrator within 7 days of receipt.**
- v. Appropriate registers with details of PPS, ePOP device no., name of CMR agency, date of return, etc. shall be maintained by CMR agencies and DCF&S and receipt of ePOP devices shall be acknowledged by a proper receipt at every stage.
- vi. The DCF&S shall assign a senior official as custodian who shall keep the ePoPs assigned to CPC or mCPC under lock and key and maintain a stock register for ePoP.
- vii. DCF&S may facilitate the Nodal Officer of the SI in receipt of the ePOP devices from CMR agencies and provide a space for safe storage of those ePOP devices.

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3. The District Controller, F&S (all except Kalimpong),
4. The Technical Director, NIC,
5. The Authorised Officer of M/S Linkwell Telesystems Pvt. Ltd.
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