

## Billing Cum Payment Agent (BCPA)

### FAQ

Q:- Why do we need a BCPA for Govt. purchase of foodgrains under Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme.?

Ans: Farmers sell their produce to Government Agencies through almost all the Arhtias operating in a mandi / purchase centre. BCPA is appointed by the concerned Distt. Food & Supplies Controller for liaisoning the work of purchase between department and the Arhtias.

Q:- How is a BCPA appointed? Can there be more than one BCPAs in a mandi.?

Ans: BCPA is normally selected/elected by all the Arhtias of the mandi and after signing the Agreement with DFSC becomes a regular BCPA. In big mandis there can be more than one BCPAs depending upon the work and groupism among the arhtias of mandi.

Q:- What is the amount of security.?

Ans: In the mandis where estimated procurement is  
Upto 5000 MT = Rs. 5000/-  
In the mandis where estimated procurement is  
Upto 10000 MT = Rs. 10,000/-  
In the mandis where estimated procurement is  
Above 10000 MT = Rs. 20,000/-

Q:- What are the responsibilities of a BCPA.?

Ans: Mostly, as mentioned earlier, liaisoning work.  
Details of responsibilities, however, can be seen in the agreement.

Q:- What is the honorarium a BCPA gets.?

Ans: Commission for 50 KG. Packing -- Wheat =0.15 per bag  
Commission for 35 KG Packing -- Paddy =0.11 per bag  
Commission for more than 35 KG upto  
50 KG Packing of other foodgrains –Barley & Bajra =0.15 per bag