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Sub: Classification of 'Agricultural Waste or Crop Residue (Parali, Stubble etc.).'

This is in continuation to Board’s Rates Circular No. 23 of 2019 classifying Agricultural Waste or Crop Residue (Parali, Stubble etc.) at par with fodder and husk. It is advised that following details should be taken into consideration while booking commodities as Crop Residue and Agricultural Waste:

Crop Residue – Crop Residue is a plant material remaining after harvesting, including leaves, stalk, roots.

Agricultural Wastes – Agricultural Wastes are the residues from the growing and the processing of raw agricultural products such as fruits, vegetables, meat, poultry, dairy products and crops. It is unwanted or unusable materials products wholly from agricultural operations directly related to the growing or crops or raising of animals for the primary purpose of making a profit or for a livelihood.

It is further clarified that agriculture wastes are the non-product outputs of production and processing of agricultural products. These contain material that can benefit man but whole economic values are less than the cost of collection, transportation, and processing for beneficial use. The composition of such wastes depends on the system and type of agricultural activities and they can be in the form of liquids, slurries or solids. Agricultural Wastes otherwise called agro-waste is comprised of animal waste (manure, animal carcasses), food processing waste (only 20% of maize is canned and 80% is waste), crop waste (corn stalks, sugarcane bagasse, drops and culls from fruits and vegetables, prunings) and hazardous and toxic agricultural wastes (pesticide, insecticides and herbicides etc.).

This issue in consultation with Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Ministry of Railways.

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