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All State Governments/UTs
2. The CMD, FCI, New Delhi.

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- II. For every state, a Schedule of Rates (SoR) for transportation charges shall be finalized by the SLC based on market survey. The SoR shall remain in force for a maximum of two years.
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- IV. The SLC shall examine the transportation rates finalised by the districts with reference to the SoR and decide the acceptability of the rates, taking into account the provisions of GFR. In the cases where the rates accepted show a major deviation from the SoR, the reasons for acceptance or rejection must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the SLC.
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