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Points for Submission before Hon'ble Minister, FS&CW Dept, Government of Odisha during meeting convened on New Food Policy.

1. ***Allotment of target and delivery of paddy may be made strictly on the basis of earlier performance of last three years rather than only installed capacity.*** It is observed that some millers continuously fail to deliver CMR in time while millers in some districts are struggling to utilize milling capacity for want of sufficient paddy delivery. District Millers Assn may be involved in distribution of individual miller wise target.
2. Request letter may be sent to GOI for communicating and implementing ***Rice Out Turn Ratio*** as per results of Trial Milling conducted recently in our State.
3. ***Revision of Milling Charges of paddy*** is pending since more than a decade. In view of many fold increase in the cost of various inputs, Government of India may kindly be requested for immediate revision. Our Association has already requested the concerned selected millers to submit the informations sought by Tariff Commission latest by 15th December, 2014.
4. ***Normal rice delivery period be treated as 31st October*** instead of 30th September since the paddy procurement generally starts two and half months later than the start of Khariff Marketing Season which is 1st October.
5. Participation of a Custom Miller in other district may not be allowed ***where such miller has not completed delivery of 100% carry over CMR in his home district.*** This was already decided earlier during procurement review meeting held on 11.3.2014 for inclusion in New Food Policy.
6. ***Procurement under Levy may not be linked with percentage of delivery of CMR to FCI.*** Levy condition imposed during previous year might have been mis-utilized in many districts.

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7. *We sincerely thank our Government* for exemption of CST as well as reimbursement of RMC Fees on sale of rice to outside State. However, in order to promote *procurement under Levy Scheme*, interested *millers may be allowed to deliver the entire levy rice* due on procurement made by them under levy scheme *without necessitating milling of free sale portion of paddy for delivery of levy to FCI*. Millers will have the option of milling free sale share of paddy at a later stage to suit market requirements. *Enforcement Certificate may be amended suitably* for this purpose.

To ensure procurement of a selective variety of paddy which may be *suitable for competitive market of free trading*, millers may be allowed to procure under levy scheme at *mill heads*. While procurement of levy portion may be made against FIC, millers may be at liberty to *purchase free sale portion of paddy from any one and from any place including other districts against a Photo Identity proof* as is allowed in the neighboring State of West Bengal. Collectors may be allowed *to appoint the same authorized officer of a concerned mill under CMR as also Enforcement Officer* under levy scheme for smooth operations.

Matters relating to CMR Operations:

8. Proposed *Cap Storage of Paddy during KMS 2014-15* is a welcome move. If required, un-utilized drying yards available in some rice mills may be used for Cap Storage temporarily till alternative arrangements are made. However, it is strongly advised for *procurement and storage of only and only FAQ Paddy with lower moisture contents to avoid discoloration and abnormal shortage during storage*. Millers will lift stocks periodically only against weighment and quality analysis.
9. Emphasis on *purchase of only FAQ Paddy* by strict quality monitoring through random check by Oscsc with the help of QC cell of GOI. Millers may not accept paddy *without quality analysis and on "As is where is" basis* as was wrongly stipulated in the agreement for KMS 2013-14.
10. *No deduction towards Insurance Premium from custom millers* on custom milling Paddy/Rice belonging to the State Procuring Agencies.
11. Payment of full *custody and maintenance charges of 4 months* to be restored as was prevailing earlier to encourage creation of much needed additional storage facilities.

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12. Time bound ***release of payment*** needs to be ensured for custom milling charges bills in a phased manner upon delivery of 25%, 50%, 75% and final delivery. ***Payments are often denied on any xyz reason*** in spite of clear guidelines in the agreement.
13. Proper treatment and ***incentive to the genuine miller*** who works hard to ensure timely delivery of CMR. They are generally neglected by district officials who remain influenced by the defaulter millers.
14. ***Revision of transport charges and other incidentals*** for KMS 2014-15 as decided in the Meeting held on 30.9.2014.
15. ***Inordinate delay in refund of Old Security Deposits*** even after proper recommendation by District Office is a matter of concern. The long pending case of Gajapati district is an example of this mess.
16. Early settlement of claims with insurance company and ***release of bills of custom miller***.
17. No miller may be termed as defaulter unless a shortage is detected or the miller fails to complete delivery within the extended period of 31st December, 2014.
18. Creation of a ***“Gunny Quality Complaint Redressal Cell” at Oscsc Head Office which may function independently with separate email Id for direct communication by affected miller without involving existing system or depending on district officials.*** This is a big issue since about more than ***Rs.250 crores is spent annually by Oscsc in purchase of New Gunny Bags out of which 80% are estimated to be sub-standard.***
19. ***Proper policy and guidelines implementation at district level*** is suffering from serious lapses. Every CSO has its own interpretation.

Submitted to Hon'ble Minister, FS&CW Dept, Government of Odisha for favorable consideration and necessary action.

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