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Media Brief.

A meeting of our Association was held today morning at Hotel Empires, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar being attended by millers from most of the districts of our State to discuss various issues in the matter of functioning of Paddy Processing Units and survival of farmers. After elaborate discussions, a detailed memorandum has been submitted to Hon'ble Food Minister for his kind consideration. Some of the main points are as follows:-

1. **Implementation of CAP Storage** during current KMS 2015-16 as per decision taken by Government during previous year and in current year's Food Policy. Millers assure periodical lifting of FAQ Paddy from CAP Storage points of OSCSC based on acceptance of resultant rice in a time bound manner. *If 100% storage is not possible, OSCSC may store at least 40%* of the procured paddy under CAP Storage initially at the start of the season. *This will ensure procurement of FAQ Paddy* and will also help in recording first hand quality assessment of actual paddy coming to the market.
2. **Proper quality checking at Mandi** stage through an expert team before procurement by PACS. It may also be arranged through independent agency on experimental basis. Unfortunately, *Oscsc remains a mute spectator over the years and millers are left to suffer badly*. Proper Mandi do not exist in most of the districts and millers have to provide all the services.
3. **No recovery of Insurance Premium from the millers** as the Paddy/Rice Stock belongs to the Corporation.
4. **Creation of sufficient space** for timely CMR delivery at both RRC and FCI depot prior to start of procurement.
5. **Payment of all pending dues towards Transport and other Charges** before start of new procurement. Or else *millers are likely to hesitate in executing agreement for KMS 2015-16*.

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6. **Proper revision of various incidental charges** to the millers based on the market conditions as below:-

- a) **Increase in Paddy Mandi handling** Charges.
- b) **Minimum Flat TC on Paddy** upto 10 KM @ **Rs.20/-** p. qtl.
- c) **Enhanced Payment of Custody & Maintenance** charges at **flat rate**.
- d) **Enhanced Handling charges on delivery of CMR** to RRC and FCI.

The matter of **increasing milling charges on paddy** is pending since the year 2002. It needs to be revised from existing rate of Rs.10/- and 20/- per qtl paddy to Rs.40/- and 55/- per qtl for Raw and Boiled paddy respectively.

Our above submissions are directly linked to the survival of our rice milling industry. Farmers and Rice Millers are two sides of the same coin. Rice Millers directly help in Government's Policy of poverty eradication and employment generation. ***Health of Rice Milling Industry will directly help in keeping the farmers healthy.***

After getting positive response from the administration, the millers will assess the feasibility of participation in the ensuing procurement operations.

Bhubaneswar dated 31st October,2015.

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Chairman.

