

# ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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To,  
Shri Arun Jaitely,  
Hon'ble Union Minister for Finance & Chairman of GST Council,  
Government of India,  
New Delhi.

Sir,

**Sub: Request to consider exemption of 5% GST on Branded Rice.**

Most respectfully, we would like to submit that imposition of 5% GST on Rice when sold in packages under a brand name, will have very adverse impact on this labour oriented Rice Milling Industry as well as the common consumers at large since rice is one of the staple food of our country.

Food grains including Rice have been kept under “0%” tax category in the GST. The industry is very happy for this. But *your honour may kindly appreciate that the very purpose will be defeated if GST @5% is imposed on Rice in any form.*

Sir, Rice Milling Industry is in a very bad shape and needs support from the Government. Farmers and Rice Millers are two sides of the same coin. Farmers can not remain healthy without the health of the Rice Milling Industry.

We therefore, most humbly request your honour to kindly look into the matter in broad perspective and take a just and fair decision to keep “Rice in any form” under the “0%” category.

Yours faithfully,

(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),  
Chairman.

