

# ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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To,  
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary,  
Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Dept,  
Government of Odisha,  
Bhubaneswar-751001.

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Delivery of Levy Portion of Rice to FCI pending milling  
of Free sale portion – Modification of EC thereof.**

Most respectfully we draw your kind attention to the discussions in the above matter during weekly meetings held on 29.4.14 and 13.5.14. At present, the levy and free sale ratio is 25:75 respectively and *a miller has to mill paddy equivalent to 4 lots of rice in order to deliver 1 lot of levy rice while the balance 3 lots of rice remains with the miller till the same is disposed in free trade.* Depending on market conditions, a miller may not be able to get reasonable price instantly and have to wait for the right time to dispose the free sale stock at a later state. But due to long storage, the stock loses its quality making it unsuitable for free market.

In view of above, *Millers may be allowed to mill and deliver only levy portion of rice to FCI as may be due on total stock of paddy procured under levy scheme without necessitating simultaneous milling of levy free portion of paddy. Millers may have an option for milling of levy free portion of paddy at a subsequent stage to suit open market conditions.* Some minor modification in the format of Enforcement Certificate may be required to accommodate this option.

Your honour may kindly appreciate that procurement under Levy Scheme has gradually gone down over the years and it is almost a non-starter during the current KMS 2013-14 even after reducing the levy percentage from earlier 75% to only 25% at present.

We therefore, most humbly request your honour to kindly consider our proposal to ensure revival of procurement under Levy Scheme in the greater interest of farmers and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-.  
(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),  
Secretary.