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

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Extension of timeline for procurement of khariff paddy
in some of the districts due to delayed start.**

Most respectfully we would like to bring to your kind notice that due to recently introduced online paddy procurement system and delayed start of procurement, some of the districts are lagging behind and an estimated 50% of the surplus paddy as per online Farmer's Registration is yet to be purchased.

Your honour may kindly recall that a visit by Senior Officers including yourself was made to the concerned districts on 2nd and 3rd February, 2015 to streamline paddy procurement as the pace of paddy procurement was not picking up. ***It helped a lot in augmenting paddy procurement but it was too late and hardly 60 days remained by that time as against the normal procurement period of 90 days.***

Moreover, after loss of precious time at the initial stage of procurement due to general election of committee members and President of respective Societies, the ***Secretaries are now busy in financial work of the PACS like calculation of interest, settlement of accounts and recovery of loan etc.*** from its loanee members in view of annual closing of accounts by end of this month. ***They may not be able to concentrate on paddy procurement during the remaining part of this month.***

As detailed in the enclosed statement, only 74.76 lakh quintals of paddy was procured till 10.3.15 from the concerned 12 districts as against the estimated surplus paddy of 186.83 lakh quintals as per Farmer's Registration Data. ***About 112 lakh quintals (around 60%) surplus paddy was yet to be procured from the farmers (as on 10.3.2015).***

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We therefore, most humbly request your honour *to kindly consider extension of timeline for procurement of khariff paddy by one month beyond 31.3.2015* in districts where substantial surplus paddy is yet to be purchased *to ensure that no farmer is deprived from reaping the benefits of this unique hi-tech online paddy procurement system introduced in our State*. Specific instruction may also be issued to the concerned districts for *continuation of paddy purchase on the basis of availability of surplus paddy rather than waiting for allotment of target* to avoid any possible break in ongoing procurement operations.

Encl: Detailed statement as above.

Yours faithfully,

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

Statement of Surplus Paddy yet to be procured in some of the districts as on 10.3.2015.					
Sl. No.	Name of the District	Estimated Surplus Paddy as on 16.3.2015	Progressive Paddy Procured till 10.3.2015	Balance Surplus Paddy yet to be procured	% of Balance Surplus with Farmers
1	Balasore	17.67	8.92	8.75	49.52
2	Bhadrak	27.37	8.89	18.48	67.52
3	Cuttack	11.17	4.56	6.61	59.18
4	Ganjam	48.22	16.54	31.68	65.70
5	Jagatsinghpur	8.67	2.18	6.49	74.86
6	Jajpur	10.88	4.45	6.43	59.10
7	Kendrapara	7.53	2.05	5.48	72.78
8	Keonjhar	10.22	5.31	4.91	48.04
9	Khurda	9.81	5.56	4.25	43.32
10	Mayurbhanj	11.95	6.44	5.51	46.11
11	Nayagarh	11.45	5.30	6.15	53.71
12	Puri	11.89	4.56	7.33	61.65
Total (Lakh Qtls.)		186.83	74.76	112.07	59.99

Paddy Figures in Lakh Qtls.