

# ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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To,  
Shri Rajeev Gupta, IAS,  
Managing Director, NAFED,  
Nafed House,  
New Delhi-110014.

Camp at: Odisha.

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Custom Milling Operations with NAFED in Odisha.**

We welcome you to the Holy Land of “Lord Jagannath” and thank you for inviting us to discuss matters relating to Custom Milling Operations with Nafed.

Sir, you may kindly recall the discussions held by the undersigned in your Chamber at New Delhi on 23<sup>rd</sup> November,2011. You had been kind enough to suggest some remedial measures regarding refund of deducted amount of millers in a phased manner. Unfortunately, nothing materialized. On the other hand, some of the payments towards TC etc., were further curtailed during the current KMS which resulted in lower participation of millers with Nafed.

The overall contribution of Nafed to our State’s procurement was more than 20% during 2007-08 KMS. Subsequently, it declined in a systematic manner and it has nosedived to only about 2% during the current KMS 2011-12. This amply shows that the millers are gradually declining to participate with Nafed.

In order to revive the whole hearted participation of millers with Nafed, we suggest as follows:-

1. Reimbursement of various charges to millers as per economic cost sheet of Government of India.
2. Refund of with-held amount to millers in a phased manner in consultation with the millers.
3. Proper co-ordination and frequent inter action with FCI to ensure timely and smooth delivery of CMR.
4. Periodical meeting with millers to sort out the current problems from time to time.

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There is acute problem of hidden cost for labourers etc. in delivery of CMR to FCI apart from problem in timely acceptance of rice as most of the time it suffers from shortage of storage space and man power. ***Direct export of Rice from Odisha by Nafed may be the only solution.***

Nafed had played an important role in paddy procurement in our State and there is no reason why it cannot be revived with remedial measures and positive approach. Hope, your honour will be kind enough to look into the matter to enable better participation of millers in custom milling operations with Nafed.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Commissioner-cum-Secretary,  
FS&CW Dept, Govt. of Odisha,

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