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Dated 24th December, 2011.

To,
The Managing Director,
Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd.,
C/2, Nayapalli,
Bhubaneswar-751012.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Mandi handling operation and payment of Charges.

Most respectfully, we draw your kind attention to Clause-14 of Agreement with Custom Millers for 2011-12 KMS which deals with Mandi Handling Operations. It is mentioned under sub-clause a) *In the purchase centres operated by PACS, WSHG, PP the mandi handling i.e. heaping, re-bagging, weighment and temporary stacking shall be the responsibility of PACS, WSHG,PP as the case may be. The loading of paddy to the miller's vehicle shall be responsibility of custom miller*". It is stated under sub-clause b) *Mandi Labour charges shall be paid **proportionately** to the PACS, WSHG, PP and Custom Miller for the mentioned operations.....* ”.

Therefore, it is categorically mentioned that the handling operations except loading **will have to be performed by PACS etc.** However, it is seen that most of the PACS, WSHG, PP in the coastal belt are not equipped to perform this job and the millers have to do this in the interest of procurement.

In earlier 2010-11 KMS, both the Agencies as well as the Custom Millers were allowed to perform the mandi handling operations on payment of proportionate charges to the agency or custom miller who have actually performed as was mentioned in Head Office Letter No.4119 dated 1.3.2011.

On principal, we agree and support that mandi handling operations should be done by PACS etc. However, provision should also be in place to allow miller to undertake mandi handling operations in case of failure or in-ability on the part of the PACS to do so upon payment of proportionate charges to the custom miller instead of PACS by Oscsc Ltd for rendering such services apart from loading of paddy into his trucks.

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Sir, it is our humble submission that the above arrangement will help smooth procurement in areas where no mandi exists or where the PACS etc do not have proper infrastructure to undertake mandi handling operations. ***Your honour may kindly appreciate that without these operations, it is quite impossible to determine both the quantity and quality of paddy offered by the farmers.*** We therefore, request you to examine the matter and issue necessary instructions as your honour may think fit in the interest of smooth procurement and oblige.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Commissioner-sum-Secretary,
FS & CW Dept, Bhubaneswar.

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