

ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Points raised during our Assn. Meeting held on 2.5.13 and
Request for discussions during ensuing CSO Conference.**

Most respectfully, we would like to bring to your kind information that a meeting of the members of our Association was held on 2nd May,2013 at Hotel HHI, Bhubaneswar wherein about 95 members across the State were present to discuss various matters concerning rice milling industry. Some of the observations were of general nature while some were district specific. Few of the "**General observations**" may be listed as follows:-

1. Grader and other quality testing equipments at Mandi level are mostly non-existent or non-operative making it difficult to check the quality of paddy. Millers are forced to accept whatever quality comes to the Mandi.
2. There is continuous problem of **less weight in gunny bags supplied by Oscsc Ltd.** resulting in loss of rice and rejection of lots by FCI.
3. In view of prolonged storage of paddy and rice due to increased procurement as well as shortage of Godowns resulting delay in rice delivery, some **allowance towards storage loss in rice and paddy** needs to be allowed to the millers.
4. Instead of paying rice handling charges to millers, Oscsc may consider to make **direct payment to the laborers through concerned depot in-charge**. Such payment may be claimed by Oscsc from GOI on actual basis as per audited accounts.
5. **Limitation on furnishing of Bank Guarantee needs to be abolished**. Fixation of higher security deposit is no remedy to defalcation by some millers. Most of such cases are due to negligence of local authority.
6. Immediate recovery of rebate on CMR delivered to FCI **without with-holding any amount from millers**.

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Some of the “*District specific*” problems are listed as follows:-

1. ***Driage on Raw Paddy is not allowed*** to millers of *Gajapati District* while releasing paddy from Joint Custody & Maintenance account. We understand that the district office is not aware that instead of earlier practice of cash payment towards driage, it has to be written off in the stock itself as per Column Nos.5-7 of the Release order for KMS 2012-13.
2. ***Custody & Maintenance charges are not released to Gajapati Millers*** for KMS 2011-12 in spite of delivery of entire due CMR and submission of copy of Paddy Release Orders in support of their claim.
3. ***Reimbursement of cost of New Gunny*** supplied by Millers to Oscsc Ltd. is yet to be released in some of the districts like *Nuapada, Nayagarh & Khurda* etc.
4. ***Tagging of millers in Balasore District appears to be erratic.*** After analysis of miller wise paddy figures, it appears prima-facie that some of the millers with sufficient milling capacity and good track record in timely delivery of rice during earlier years are *some how ignored*.
5. In some districts, ***CMR is not received on regular basis at the RRCs operated by Oscsc.*** Irrespective of the date of DC, stocks are received only on the date of lifting to avoid storage and actual shortage at the depot. ***Millers are kept waiting for that particular one or two days of the month.*** Chandeneswar RRC of *Khurdha district* needs to be made functioned and utilized for receiving CMR from Millers.
6. As per information available, ***Levy Target has not yet been distributed*** to the millers in *Nuapada District.*

Sir, we understand that CSO Conference is scheduled to be held on 6th and 7th May, 2013. We therefore, most humbly request your honour ***to kindly discuss the above district specific problems during the conference*** for early re-dressal.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Managing Director, Oscsc Ltd.
Bhubaneswar.

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