

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: Method of verification of stock and immune from
Unfounded Criminal Cases.**

As your honour is aware, Rice Mill is a processing industry and the outcome of the finished product depends on the quality of input product. There is neither any consistency in the variety/quality of paddy nor can any fixed rice Out Turn Ratio (OTR) can be predicted. Most of the times, millers have to accept whatever paddy comes to the market irrespective of quality and quantum of impurities. Maintaining Rice OTR being fixed by Government, *which itself is far from reality*, is very difficult.

As such, getting some discrepancy in physical stock cannot be ruled out in course of physical verification by various departments. This leads to imposition of penalty, seizure, initiation of criminal proceedings and even *arrest of the miller for things beyond his control*. Delivery of short weighted paddy by FCI to the extent of 4 to 6% to the millers because of driage and shortage while storage in FCI Godowns during 2009-10 KMS is a recorded fact and is a point to be noted. (*Refer our letter dt.21.7.10 at Page-50 & FCI Paddy shortage chart at Page-61 of our Assn. Booklet Vol-3*).

Moreover, conversion of paddy into rice takes place round the clock and the physical stock of Paddy as well as Rice goes on changing at every moment. *It becomes very difficult to match item wise physical stock of "Rice or Paddy" at a given point of time due to this continuous process.*

For this reason, suitable guidelines needs to be issued for reference of all concerned for ***"1) Granting some immune from seizure and criminal proceedings in case of discrepancy of plus/minus in physical stock to the extent of 4 to 5% of the total stock handling during the season by the miller, and 2) discrepancy, if any should only be arrived after considering both Paddy and Rice as one single item after conversion of Paddy into Rice or vice versa."***

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However, we would like to make it clear that in case of discrepancy or financial loss to any procuring agency, miller will be responsible to make good the loss so sustained by the agency as may be mutually agreed without any criminal interference.

We therefore, most humbly request your honour to do the needful to avoid undue harassment to the millers. Hope, this will receive your utmost attention.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Managing Director, Oscsc Ltd.

Sd/-.
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Secretary.