ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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PRESS RELEASE.

A General Body Meeting of the Association was held today morning at Hotel Silver Moon, Sambalpur (*Hosted by- Sambalpur Dist. Rice Millers Association*) to discuss various problems faced by Rice Milling Industry. The millers are aggrieved mainly on the following issues:-

- 1. Millers are blamed for almost every thing even if they have no role therein.
- 2. PACs are paid a hefty sum of Rs.32/- per quintal of paddy for just getting involved.
- 3. *Delivery of FAQ Paddy never ensured* resulting in shortage of rice due to *lower rice out turn recovery*. Proper cleaning/grading of paddy never takes place and OSCSC remains a mute spectator.
- 4. Arbitrarily *recovery of Insurance premium* from millers on Government Stock.
- 5. *Shortage in paddy during storage* and Scientific storage of paddy for months together not possible on *meagre custody and maintenance charges*.
- 6. High handedness of labourers at FCI, CWC & SWC godowns is growing unabated and *millers have to pay a hefty sum for delivery of rice* without proper reimbursement from Government Agencies.
- 7. *Non revision of Milling Charges of Rs.20/-* per quintal paddy since more than last 10 years.
- 8. Payment of *inadequate transport and handling charges* which are far from market reality in view of continuous increase in fuel prices.

In view of above, the members have unanimously resolved that:-

"Rice Millers will limit its role to only paddy milling and delivery of custom milled rice after periodically lifting of FAQ Paddy from the Storage Godowns of OSCSC instead of direct lifting from "Mandi Point of PACs" as and when required by the individual miller depending upon milling of paddy and delivery of CMR during the ensuing KMS 2014-15".

Paddy procurement, quality checking, grading, bagging, stacking, transportation and storage will be done by the procuring agency as they may think fit.

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