

ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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To,
The Branch Manager, Nafed,
Red Cross Bhawan,
Sachivalaya Marg,
Bhubaneswar-751022.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Participation in Custom Milling Operations with Nafed.

A meeting of our Association was held on 30th November, 2011 at Hotel HHI, Bhubaneswar to discuss various issues wherein members from most of the districts of our State participated. The matter of participation as Custom Miller with Nafed during 2011-12 KMS was also discussed.

Unfortunately, there was large-scale resentment amongst the millers due to delay as well as non-settlement of pending issues like reimbursement of deducted Arhatia Commission, payment of TC on delivery of rice etc. Bills for 2010-11 KMS are also not yet settled in full.

Millers are not getting proper remunerations for the services rendered by them. *Delivery of CMR to FCI is getting more and more complex day by day due to non-availability of sufficient godown space, huge amount of hidden cost and high handedness of labourers while delivery of CMR.* Millers have to hold both Paddy and Rice Stocks for months together incurring additional burden of interest and custody maintenance expenses. As per discussions held during our meeting, we would like to suggest the following for your consideration:-

1. Allow TC on Rice @Rs.15/- for the first 15 KMs and @60paise per quintal per km for distance beyond 15 KM.
2. Allow handling charges @Rs.10/- per qtl rice to accommodate part of the expenses incurred on delivery of CMR to FCI.
3. In view of extended holding of stocks, allow both interest and custody maintenance charges for 4 months instead of present 2 months.
4. Refund of deducted amount towards Arhatia Commission.
5. Assurance that no further deduction will be made from current bills for past transactions.

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Apart from above, some top officials from Nafed, New Delhi may be invited to Odisha for having a meeting with the miller's representative to sort out various pending issues. This will also help in uplifting confidence of millers in working with Nafed, which appears to be missing for quite some years. *There is also need for better co-ordination with FCI in proper implementation of Cost Sheet provided by Government of India to avoid future disputes and recovery.*

Nafed had played very significant role in procurement of paddy and has also contributed in ensuring MSP to the farmers of our State. There is no reason why it cannot continue to function with the same vigor and dignity. Positive approach and sincerity can turn around the whole scenario once again.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: 1) Managing Director, Nafed, New Delhi.
2) Food Commissioner, Bhubaneswar.

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