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Points for discussions with Commissioner-cum-Secretary, FS & CW Dept. during weekly review meeting at Bhubaneswar.

1. Trial milling was recently conducted in 4 districts of our State by GOI through IICPT, Thanjavur and FCI during August,2014. ***Pending final report, GOI may be requested for supplying miller wise information on a) Quantity of the Raw Paddy selected for trial milling, b) Quantity of resultant rice obtained from such trial milling and c) Refraction wise quality analysis report*** of the selected paddy as well as the resultant rice for information and reference of rice millers.
2. Creation of a ***“Gunny Quality Complaint Redressal Cell” at Oscsc Head Office which may function independently with separate email Id for direct communication by affected miller without involving existing system or depending on district officials.*** There is no end to the suffering of millers for years together and have lost all hope on the present system. A full fledged separate meeting may be called suitably where we can discuss and suggest certain ways to tackle this menace. This is a big issue since about more than ***Rs.250 crores is spent annually by Oscsc in purchase of New Gunny Bags out of which 80% are estimated to be sub-standard.***
3. FCI may be requested to give ***adequate programme for receiving Raw Rice from Raw Rice Millers of Bolangir, Kalahandi and Sonapur*** who are under compulsion to deliver to FCI only because of the district consumption pattern. ***Area Manager, FCI, Titlagarh may be advised accordingly.***
4. In continuation to the discussion held during weekly meeting on 19.8.14, we suggest that the ***additional annual insurance premium @Rs.1.16 per qtl paddy on carry over stock be split into four and may be realized on quarterly basis on the maximum stock holding of the concerned quarter of 3 months @Re.0.29 paise per quarter instead of one full year*** as communicated vide Oscsc Letter No.14160 Dt.24.7.14. This is without prejudice to our demand for non-imposition of insurance premium on the millers.

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5. PACs have continuously failed to ensure procurement of FAQ paddy and ***millers are compelled to lift what ever paddy comes to the market.*** Rice Mills are running under losses and increasing numbers of defaulting cases are coming up. In view of this, millers may not find it feasible to lift paddy directly from Mandies. A meeting of Aorma is scheduled to be held at Bargarh on 13th Sep, 2014 to take a decision in this regard.
6. ***Rice Mills in the coastal belt and elsewhere are not running to their potential.*** Unabated out flow of paddy from State by unscrupulous traders is rendering this employment oriented industry Sick. ***Suitable policy measures may be taken to reverse this trend by encouraging out flow of rice instead of paddy*** to keep this industry in proper shape.
7. ***The revised rate of custody & maintenance*** as approved in the 165th Board Meeting of Oscsc held on 28.6.14 is yet to be communicated. ***In super session to Point No.4 of earlier letter No.8156 Dt.6.5.14, a fresh letter may be issued for considering opening stock of paddy, closing stock of paddy and total paddy received from the Stock register instead of Verification Report*** which is generally prepared on weekly basis and not on month ending basis.
8. ***Allowing 2 fixed days (preferably 2nd Saturday and the following Sunday) in every month for uploading of backlog SMS for Rice Delivery by Millers.*** This will help in reflection of true and correct picture of essential data in true spirit of the system at Fscw portal.
9. ***Formation of a committee for revision of transport charges and incidentals*** which were fixed two years back. The flat rate of TC for 1st 10 KM needs to be revised from existing Rs.12.50 to Rs.20.00 per quintal paddy/rice and from 50 paise per KM to 70 paise per KM for distance beyond 10 KM for ensuing KMS 2014-15.
10. ***Settlement and payment of pending TC and Vat to Narayan Food Products P. Ltd, Keonjhar by Markfed and TDCC*** on CMR delivered to Oscsc by the custom miller during KMS 2010-11 & 2011-12 as per representation enclosed.
11. ***Considering representation dt.8.9.14 of Koraput District Millers Assn.*** in the matter of harassment and mental agony of the millers during on going physical verification in the district. *(Copy of representation enclosed).*

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Secretary.