

ALL ORISSA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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

Dear Sir,

Sub: Discussions held during meeting on 22nd Sept,11.

This is in continuation to our earlier letter dt. 22.9.11 submitted during the meeting on New Food & Procurement Policy for 2011-12 KMS convened by Hon'ble Minister, FS&CW Dept. at Bhubaneswar on 22nd Sept,11. We are thankful to your honour as well as to the Hon'ble Minister and other Officials for allowing detailed discussions and would like to sum up some of the main points as follows:-

1. *Nominal target for Levy under fixed target levy scheme* which will take care of both small and big mills as well as ensure better procurement compared to last few years. Please allow more discussions on this topic.
2. *Lot size of rice to continue at both 20 as well as 27 MT.* In our State, 10MT carrying capacity is officially allowed by M.V.Dept. (Pl refer copy of RC submitted during meeting on 22nd).
3. *Procurement of both Raw and Boiled rice* as per existing infrastructure. If any condition is attached, alternative policy required to ensure survival of left over rice mills.
4. Availability of FAQ paddy to be ensured. It may be specifically mentioned in the Food Policy that "*MSP is only for FAQ Paddy and purchase of sub-standard paddy is not distress sale*".
5. Mentioning of the fact in the Food Policy that "*Certain variation in physical stock of Paddy & Rice is quite natural due to inconsistency in quality of available paddy and the resultant impact on rice out-turn ratio thereof. As such, no criminal interference may be drawn in case of reasonable discrepancy to the extent of 2 to 3% of total stock procured/processed or handled by a miller considering both Paddy & Rice as one commodity*".

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6. *The involvement of FCI may be kept as low as possible.* They fail to keep their words from quite some time. Millers have already made their intentions clear during the meeting in presence of GM, FCI and nothing is secret now.
7. There is loss of crop due to drought as well as floods. *Paddy purchase by State agencies should be hassle free and without un-necessary restrictions.* Or else, the farmers will get lured by touts from neighboring States and procurement may get affected.
8. *It is a fact that millers are forced to accept paddy irrespective of their milling & storage capacity to clear unspecified arrivals in the market.* Corporation does not have storage space even for rice, and yet the millers are rewarded for their co-operation in storing paddy on behalf of Corporation by imposition of holding charges. This does not appear to be fair.
9. By judging the mood of the millers during the meeting, we feel that millers may not be comfortable in executing agreements with Oscsc *if the matter of imposition of holding charges for 2009-10 & earlier years is not settled judiciously before start of fresh procurement.*
10. *Increase in the amount of Security Deposits will not help in getting rid of defaulting millers.* Defaulters are mostly hand-in glove with district officials. Both should be equally punished to ensure whole hearted co-operation from genuine millers.
11. *Rate of incidentals needs revision for which, a dedicated meeting is necessary with Oscsc Ltd.*

Sir, in addition to the detailed suggestions for New Food Policy vide our letter dated 22nd Sept,2011, point Nos. 4, 5 & 6 above needs special attention of your honour for favorable consideration in the ensuing Food Policy.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Managing Director, Oscsc Ltd, Bbsr.

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(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Secretary.