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

Dear Sir,

Sub: Study on fixation of Normative Milling Charges.

This is with reference to your letter No.4303 dated 22.2.2013 on the above subject. We understand that GOI have requested to all Decentralised Procurement States to undertake fresh study on fixation of normative milling charges of paddy through Tariff Commission if the States are able to furnish complete information and co-operate fully with the Commission in conducting such a study.

We draw your kind attention to our earlier letter dated 23rd July, 2013 in the above matter wherein we have already made our stand clear (Copy enclosed). There is no question of any non-cooperation to the Commission from our side. **We assure our full co-operation.** The only problem is that the format of questions supplied by the Tariff commission is very cumbersome and requires break up of even minute details which are hardly available in our books of accounts. There are certain elements which cannot be ascertained from the books of account but are quite visible.

We therefore, most humbly suggest that officials from Tariff Commission may be invited to visit strategic location of their choice in the major procuring districts ***to collect on the spot information*** on the present rates of electricity charges, oils & fuels, actual labour charges on handling of paddy/rice, cost of various consumables and inputs in milling paddy and transport charges etc. to ***assess the actual increase in the cost of these elements since the time "Milling Charges" were fixed more than a decade ago.*** We will provide full assistance during their visit to our State. ***Alternatively, GOI may be requested for effecting revision of milling charges on percentage basis in proportion to the increase in MSP*** over last year without necessitating any reference to the Tariff Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-.

(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Secretary.