

# ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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Dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012.

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

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Study on fixation of Normative Milling Charges.**

This is with reference to GOI, Department of Food and Public Distribution Letter No.192(5)/2009-FC A/cs dated 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2012 on the above subject. After going through the contents, we would like to submit at under:-

1. That it is unfortunate that the normative milling charges and transport charges could not be revised by the Tariff Commission even after lapse of so many years. The format supplied by the tariff commission is revised from time to time. It is very cumbersome and requires break up of even minute details which are not available in our books of accounts.
2. That even after sending the required information by some millers, another set of format comes in for re-submission. Like Punjab and Haryana, details were also sent by at least 6 to 7 millers including the undersigned from Odisha.
3. That not getting data from sufficient number of millers through out the country, *proves that the prescribed format is almost not workable.*
4. That we in Odisha are quite serious about it. The undersigned himself had attended two meetings at New Delhi in this regard. One on 17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2005 in Committee Room No.41 of Krishi Bhawan and another on 22<sup>nd</sup> July,2005 in Conference Room of Tariff Commission at Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi.
5. That as per the happenings so far, it appears that GOI is deliberately delaying the matter of fixation of normative milling charges in the name of Tariff Commission.

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We therefore, most humbly suggest as follows:-

1. That if at all the Tariff Commission is to be involved, than the officials from Tariff Commission may visit strategic location of their choice to collect 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 and co-operation to the officials during their visit as may be required.
2. That in order to sort out the long pending matter, **milling charges be revised on percentage basis proportionately as per increase in MSP** over last year without necessitating any reference to the Tariff Commission. Back calculation may be done to find out the MSP of paddy prevailed during the year when the milling charges of Rs.25/- for Boiled and Rs.15/- for Raw Paddy including TC upto 8 KM were fixed in order to give effect to the increase in milling charges after considering current MSP of Paddy.

Sir, the matter of revision of normative milling charges and transport charges is not as complicated as it has been made. It can be sorted out easily by some positive mindset and application of common sense **as is being applied while fixing of rates for all other items except milling charges for paddy (even FCI itself fixes transport & handling charges for its contractors without any referral to Tariff Commission).** It is therefore, requested to kindly take up this matter with GOI during ensuing State Secretaries Meet scheduled to be held at New Delhi.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Managing Director, Oscsc Ltd.,  
Bhubaneswar.

S/d.  
(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),  
Secretary.