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From

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

To

The General Manager, FCI, Bhubaneswar
The Managing Director, OSCSC Ltd., Bhubaneswar
The Managing Director, MARKFED, Bhubaneswar
The Managing Director, TDCC, Bhubaneswar
The Branch Manager, NAFED, Bhubaneswar
The Branch Manager, NACOF, Bhubaneswar
All Collectors/ CSOs.
The Secretary, All Odisha Rice Millers Association, S-3/36, Sec-A,
Zone-B, Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar

Sub: Proceedings of the meeting held on 31.10.2015 at 3.00 PM with
Millers.

Madam/Sir,

In supersession of this Department Memo No.22529 and 22530
dated 26.11.2015, I am directed to send herewith revised copy of proceedings of
the meeting held on on 31.10.2015 at 3.00 PM under the chairmanship of the
Hon'ble Minister, FS&CW for information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

9.12.15
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 23341 Dated 9-12-15.

Copy along with copy of proceedings forwarded to the PS to Minister,
FS&CW for kind information of Hon'ble Minister, FS&CW.

9.12.15
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 23342 Dated 9-12-15.

Copy along with copy of proceedings forwarded to the PS to
Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., FS&CW Department for kind information
of Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., FS&CW Department.

9.12.15
Deputy Secretary to Govt.

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Proceedings of the meeting of Hon'ble Minister, FS & CW with millers on 31.10.2015 at 3 P.M.

A meeting of Millers with Hon'ble Minister, FS & CW was held on 31.10.2015 at 3 P.M. in the Conference Hall of Panthanivas, Bhubaneswar.

In his welcome address, M.D. OSCSC said that the idea of such a meeting came from the Hon'ble Minister who desired to hear the Millers on the problems of Milling industry as well as to impress them upon the need to render all assistance for smooth procurement operations during the Kharif Season of KMS 2015-16.

Initiating the discussion, Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt., FS & CW Department said that Odisha became a decentralized procurement (DCP) State in KMS 2003-04. From a modest quantity of 0.6 lakh MT procured under DCP in KMS 2003-04, it has gone up to 36.52 lakh MT in 2012-13. Millers play an important role in conversion of paddy into rice. The Milling industry along with Procuring Agencies and Farmers constitute the triangle of paddy procurement operations. Hence the Millers are an important stake holder in the system of procurement operation.

Sri Santosh Kumar Agrawal, Chairman of All Odisha Rice Millers Association presented several demands on behalf of rice millers as below:

1. OSCSC may store at least 40% of the procured paddy under CAP Storage.
2. There should be proper quality checking at Mandi stage through an expert team before procurement by PACS.
3. 100% delivery as eligibility norm for participation by Millers in procurement operations may be relaxed in case of millers who have failed to conform to this norm because of OSCSC's inability to receive CMR owing to space constraints.
4. Reasonable uniform security deposit norm for all by allowing 15 to 20 times paddy delivery against security furnished.

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5. Delayed start of procurement by 15-20 days may be considered to avoid problems of excess moisture at the initial stage in the interest of proper storage of paddy and production of quality rice.
6. No recovery of insurance premium from the millers as the paddy/rice stock belongs to the OSCSC.
7. Refund of security deposit immediately on completion of rice delivery without waiting for final payment of bills.
8. Fixation of a reasonable target for delivery to FCI with payment of increased rice handling charges as an incentive to enable smooth and additional delivery.
9. Creation of sufficient space for timely delivery of CMR at both RRC and FCI depot prior to start of procurement.
10. Certification of road distance needs to be expedited by District Collectors.
11. Representative AORMA may be included as members of State Level Procurement Committee.
12. Proper reimbursement of various incidental charges to the millers based on market conditions as under:
 - a. Paddy mandi handling (loading at mandi point) @ Rs. 10 per quintal.
 - b. Minimum flat TC on paddy up to 10 KM @ Rs. 20 per quintal and Re 1 per quintal/km beyond 10 km up to 50 km.
 - c. Payment of Custody and Maintenance charges at flat rate of Rs.18 per quintal on paddy.
 - d. Shortage allowance of 1% flat on paddy to cover transit and storage loss.
 - e. Handling charges on CMR @ Rs.10 and Rs.15 per quintal for delivery at RRC and FCI respectively.

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- f. Reimbursement of toll gate fees on movement of paddy and rice as per actual on production of receipt.
- g. Release of direct expenses on monthly basis for paddy viz. loading charges and minimum TC without linking it to rice delivery.
- h. Payment of interest to millers on bills remaining unpaid beyond 15 days.

Hon'ble Minister in his address told that paddy procurement operations pump in more than Rs.6500 crore to the rural economy of our State every year. Odisha is the 4th highest paddy procuring surplus State in the country after Punjab, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh. This year it is the 2nd.

Hon'ble Minister observed that the demands of the millers would be examined and met on merits and feasibility. He sought the co-operation of millers for successful procurement operations and hassle-free experience for farmers.

Addl. Secretary to Govt. gave a vote of thanks to the Chair and all the participants.

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.
FS&CW Department