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

Dear Sir,

Sub: Delivery of entire Khariff crop CMR by 30-4-18.

Most respectfully, we draw your kind attention to the recent communication sent to all the Collectors from FSCW department vide letter No.2350 Dt.3.2.18 in the above matter.

We would like to submit that out of total districts of our State, some districts are having 2 paddy crop seasons i.e. Khariff and Rabi while most of the others are having only Khariff paddy crop. Districts having only Khariff crop use to procure sufficient paddy to run their unit and deliver CMR till end of the KMS. By restricting the delivery till only 30.4.18 even for single crop districts, the rice milling operations will come to stand still from May to January (i.e. 9 months) till start of the procurement in the new KMS.

In this connection, we would also like to draw your kind attention to the Food & Procurement Policy for KMS 2017-18 wherein the Procurement period for Khariff has been decided to be from Nov,17 to April,18 and that for Rabi from May,18 to June,18. Further, on the request of Government of Odisha, the last date for delivery of CMR out of Khariff season has been revised to 30.9.2018 by GOI.

Your honour may kindly appreciate as to how far it will be feasible for the single crop districts to complete delivery of CMR by 30.4.18 when the Khariff procurement, which started late by about three and half months from the start of the KMS, will also continue till the same date i.e. 30.4.18. If this is implemented, the districts with single crop will have no option but to restrict the procurement to the extent they can complete milling and deliver CMR by 30.4.18 and then slowly succumbed to unnatural death. This is also against the spirit and earlier vision of our Government based on which it had requested and ultimately secured permission from GOI to deliver CMR of Khariff season upto 30.9.18 instead of standard stipulation of 30th June every year.

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We therefore, most humbly request your honour to reconsider the matter sympathetically by allowing delivery of Khariff CMR till 30.9.18 as per permission accorded by Government of India in the larger interest of smooth procurement, eradicating distress sale as well as survival of rice milling industry specially in the single crop districts which are already suffering from deficient milling capacity.

Yours faithfully,



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Chairman.

