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Dated 7th July, 2018.

To, The Managing Director, Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd, C/2, Nayapalli, Bhubaneswar-751012.

Sir,

Sub: Release of payment without withholding 25% from the Bills of Custom Millers for KMS 2017-18.

Most respectfully, we draw your kind attention to letters dated 3.7.18 and 6.7.18 sent to you by Cuttack and Mayurbhanj District Rice Millers Association in the above matter. In this connection, we would like to refer to the discussions held during meeting with Aorma in your chamber on 5th April, 2018 on various issues as per agenda points submitted by the undersigned (copy enclosed). Agenda Point Nos. 5 & 6 for KMS 2017-18 are reproduced below:-

- 5. Waiver of the condition at Para-8 of letter No.5658 Dt.2.4.18 "within the due date as prescribed by Govt. in FS&CW Dept" in view of the fact that the CMR delivery is being made strictly as per delivery programme issued by the district office from time to time. There is also no need to withheld 25% from the bills to build up security as mentioned under Clause-50.4 of Operational guidelines for KMS 2017-18 since timely delivery is already made by the millers.
- 6. In view of the huge burden of transportation cost of paddy on the millers, the reimbursement of the entire cost needs to be considered immediately after close of the paddy procurement pending milling and delivery of CMR.

Your honour may kindly appreciate that the millers have to share the huge burden of Mandi handling and transportation charges on paddy procurement at the very initial stage of the procurement season <u>whereas</u>, the reimbursement is made only at a very later stage upon delivery of the equivalent CMR. Our request for reimbursement of these charges immediately after close of the procurement season is yet to be considered. *Moreover*, after successful implementation of "SAS and MAS" system, requisite security deposits have already been submitted by the Custom Millers and provision for further build up security does not hold good.

Sir, in the back drop of our above submissions in course of meeting held on 5.4.2018, it was tentatively agreed not to withhold the 25% from the bills of the Custom Millers. However, in the absence of a suitable advisory, some districts have started withholding 25% of the dues while most the districts are rightly ignoring this.

We therefore, most humbly request your honour to kindly issue suitable instructions to all the districts for release of payment as usual without withholding 25% from the bills of the Custom Millers for KMS 2017-18.

Enclo: Copy of Aorma Agenda points as above.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Commissioner-cum-Secretary, FS&CW Dept, Odisha.

(Santosh Kr. Agrawal), Chairman.

