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

Sir,

Sub: Submission of few points for current KMS 2017-18 as well as for Food Policy and Operational Guidelines for New KMS 2018-19.

We are thankful to your honour for inviting our Association and district miller representatives to suggest and discuss various points in the matter of *i) Delivery of CMR* and *ii) Payment of dues* for current KMS 2017-18 as well as *iii) Suggestion for Policy and Procurement Guidelines for New KMS 2018-19*.

Sir, a meeting of our Association was held yesterday at Hotel Empires, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar being attended by 63 miller representatives (*list enclosed*) from most of the districts of our State to discuss various issues in the above matter as well as proper functioning and survival of Rice Milling Industry. After elaborate discussions, it was unanimously resolved to put forth the following points for your kind and favorable consideration:-

A. Delivery of CMR for KMS 2017-18.

1. *CMR delivery time* may be allowed upto 30th September for both Kharif and Rabi Crop subject to availability of godown space.
2. *Waiver of present stipulation of imposing cash penalty of Rs.10,000/-* on BRL stock in view of stock replacement by the miller at own cost *as was discussed and agreed earlier during meeting with Aorma.*

B. Payment of Dues for KMS 2017-18.

1. Immediate *release of minimum Custody & maintenance charges for three months* without necessitating bills for polythene etc at this belated stage. Your honour may kindly appreciate that most of the paddy stock was also kept under covered godowns.



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2. ***Payment of TC on Paddy and Rice for KMS 2017-18 at the revised rates*** to be recommended by the committee constituted for this purpose by convening it's meeting which was supposed to be within 7 days as was instructed by your honour in course of Review Meeting held on 26.7.2018, without any further delay.

C-1. Suggestion for Food Policy for KMS 2018-19.

1. ***Duration of KMS*** be treated from November to October due to late harvesting of paddy (in some district November & in most of the district in December) in our State. ***Market yards to remain operative*** till 30th April for Khariff and from May to June for Rabi Crop. ***CMR delivery time*** be allowed till October for both the crops depending upon volume of paddy procurement & availability of godown space.
2. To put in place a Master Prudent Plan for timely movement of procured rice to enable the millers to ***deliver CMR on daily basis*** in all the districts ***as is being successfully implemented in Bargarh district.***
3. As a matter of policy, ***CMR delivery programme should be proportionate to the paddy lifting and milling capacity*** of an individual miller at the district level.
4. Allowing simultaneous ***free sale trading in Paddy/Rice*** to ensure proper utilization of existing milling capacity.
5. Participation by other district miller should be restricted to allowing only nearby districts and ***that too, when the local millers are unable to lift the paddy.***
6. Strict monitoring of Paddy Quality Control mechanism at Mandi Level to ***ensure purchase of only FAQ standard Paddy.***
7. Payment of MSP should be made applicable only for ***FAQ Standard Paddy. Sale of Non-FAQ Paddy below MSP should not be treated as distress sale as was rightly incorporated in the Food Policy of earlier years.***

C-2. Suggestions for Procurement Guidelines for KMS 2018-19.

1. Restoration of 10 times paddy security norms.
2. Finalization of rates of TC and other Incidentals before execution of Agreement.

3. Fixation of reasonable and economically viable rates for various services to be provided by the millers without linking it to the Provisional Cost Sheet of GOI:-
 - a) **Paddy loading charges at Mandi** @ Rs.13/- per qtl.
 - b) **TC on transportation of both paddy and rice** at the flat rate of Rs.25/- for first 10 KM, @ 75 paise per qtl/KM upto 40 KM and @ 60 paise per qtl/KM for subsequent distance.
 - c) **Custody & Maintenance charges** on paddy on average storage period subject to a minimum payment for 3 months.
 - d) Payment of Custody & Maintenance charges at higher rates for **storage of Paddy under covered godown**.
 - e) **Gunny usage charges** for old sound gunny @Rs.30/- per qtl of rice.
 - f) **Reimbursement of Rice unloading charges** to the millers as per actual.
4. **On line submission of monthly bills by millers and time bound payment** thereof along with **reimbursement of GST** as applicable.
5. Re-imburement of **Toll Gate fees** on actual for transportation of Paddy/Rice.
6. **Provision of an Arbitrator** in the Custom Miller's Agreement for settlement of any dispute between a miller and Oscsc Ltd.

Your honour may kindly appreciate that our above submissions are linked to the survival of our rice milling industry. Farmers and Rice Millers are two sides of the same coin. **Farmers can not remain healthy unless the Rice Milling Industry is healthy.**

Hope, your honour will be kind enough to consider our above submissions sympathetically before start of new procurement. **A detailed proceeding of today's meeting along with observations may kindly be forwarded to our Association** to enable the millers to assess the feasibility and plan their whole hearted participation in the ensuing procurement operations.

Yours faithfully,


(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Chairman.