

ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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To,
The Hon'ble Minister,
Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar-751001.

Sir,

Sub: Participation of millers in Custom Milling during KMS 2018-19.

Most respectfully, we would like to inform you that as a follow up to the discussions held on 3-10-18 in our Association meeting being attended by about 225 millers from all over the State, representations have been received by our Association in the above matter from the following districts and the same are enclosed herewith for your honour's kind information and sympathetic consideration:-

Angul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Bolangir, Boudh, Cuttack, Deogarh, Dhenkanal, Gajapati, Ganjam, Jagatsinghpur, Jajpur, Jharsuguda, Kalahandi, Kendrapara, Keonjhar, Khurda, Koraput, Malkangiri, Mayurbhanj, Nabarangpur, Nayagarh, Nuapada, Puri, Rayagada, Sambalpur, Sundargarh.

There is widespread anguish and frustration amongst the millers as is evident from their representations. *The millers have expressed their reluctance to participate in the custom milling during the current KMS 2018-19 citing various issues.* Some of the common main issues can be summarized as follows:-

1. **Payment of dues for previous KMS 2017-18** towards i) revision of transport charges on paddy/rice for which hearing by the constituted committee already completed, ii) gunny usage charges considering use of 4 gunny bags instead of 2 bags, iii) minimum custody & maintenance charges for 3 months as per previous years and iv) reimbursement of Statutory Taxes/Fees like GST and Toll Gate fees, as applicable apart from payment of arrear dues for KMS 2015-16 & 2016-17.
2. **Consideration of suggestions for new KMS 2018-19 put forth by Aorma on 18.8.18** relating to various issues including fixation of reasonable rates for TC and all other incidentals based on current market prices **and to communicate the same well in advance to examine its viability by the millers before execution of agreement for KMS 2018-19.**

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3. Revision of Milling charges and fixation of Rice Out Turn Ratio as per Test Milling Reports.
4. Formulation of a suitable policy to **ensure functioning of Rice Milling Industry of both Single and Double Crop districts for at least 11 months** during a year for economically viability.

We may mention here that detailed representations were submitted on 30.10.2017, 5.12.17, 26.12.17 and on other dates relating to just concluded KMS 2017-18 without any fruitful results. The millers were kept guessing and are being dumped once the procurement is over. Millers are not properly reimbursed with the charges incurred by them in providing various services.

Similarly, a detailed representation with certain suggestions was submitted two months ago on financial aspects and operational guidelines for New KMS 2018-19 during the meeting held on 18th August, 2018 at OSCSC Conference Hall and the feedback on financial and other matters is still awaited. Copy of the representation is also enclosed for your honour's ready reference.

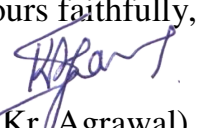
Sir, a meeting of our Association was held yesterday at Hotel Empires, Saheed Nagar, Bhubaneswar being attended by miller representatives from most of the districts of our State to discuss the representations received from various districts and furnishing of willingness for participation as Custom Miller in response to FSCW Letter No.19859 Dt.15.10.18 to Aorma. After elaborate discussions, it was unanimously resolved that:-

“In view of non-consideration of our repeated requests for payment of reasonable C&M Charges, Gunny Usage Charges and TC etc as well as non workable security norms, the Custom Millers propose that – OSCSC Ltd may store paddy of its own in own procured gunny bags and the Custom Millers will lift paddy against deposit of 100% security and will deliver equivalent CMR in a programmed manner.”

Sir, an atmosphere of distrust and uneasiness is prevailing against the administration which is quite detrimental to the smooth functioning of the system. Hope, your honour will be kind enough to look into the grievances before it is too late.

Enclo: Copy of Representations received from 27 districts.



Yours faithfully,

(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Chairman.

Copy to: Commissioner-cum Secretary, FS&CW Dept & Chairman, OSCSC Ltd.