

ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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Dated 6th November, 2018.

To,
Hon'ble Collectors of All the Districts,
Odisha.

Sir/Madam,

Sub: Participation in Custom Milling for KMS 2018-19.

Most respectfully, we would like to inform you that representations were received expressing reluctance in participating as Custom Millers during current KMS 2018-19 from the following districts:-

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.

The representations received from above districts were forwarded to the Hon'ble Minister as well as to Commission-cum-Secretary, FS&CW Department vide our representation Dt.23.10.18 summarizing the common contentious issues. Copy of this representation is enclosed herewith for your honour's ready reference.

The millers are kept guessing about the charges they will receive in a particular KMS and are being dumped once the procurement is over. Millers are not properly reimbursed with the charges incurred by them in providing various services since last several years. How long miller can function with empty stomach?

It may be mentioned here that the ***Millers have already delivered 100% CMR for the previous KMS 2017-18 but are still awaiting payment and finalization of rates for TC etc.*** Surprisingly, rates of some services are unilaterally reduced from what was being paid for the same services during earlier years. ***This problem does not belong to any particular district but is a common problem of all the districts of our State.***

As a consequence to the above facts, the millers have furnished their willingness for participation during current KMS 2018-19 subject to i) *Release of arrear dues after finalization of rates, ii) Incorporating full details about scope of work and rates payable thereof in the Agreement before execution and iii) Formulation of a suitable policy to ensure functioning of Rice Milling Industry of both Single and Double Crop districts for 10 to 11 months during a year for economically viability.*

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Your honour may kindly appreciate that the above expectations by the Rice Milling Industry are quite genuine and needs sympathetic consideration from all. There is no intention what so ever of any confrontation with the administration. ***But a system needs to be evolved to keep this labour oriented industry afloat. Health of both the Rice Milling Industry as well as the Farmers is reciprocal to each other.***

Sir/Madam, we are quite hopeful and assure our full co-operation in resolving the issues at the earliest. ***Wish you all a “Very Happy Deepawali”.***

Enclo: Copy of our representation as above.

Dated 6th November, 2018.

Yours faithfully,


(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Chairman.

