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To

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

Sub: **Uniform Specification of Paddy, Rice and Coarse grains for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2019-20 - comments /suggestions - regarding.**

Ref: F. S & C.W Deptt. letter no.9962 dt.03.07.2019.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that OSCSC being a major procuring agency of the State Govt., purchased about 65 lakh MT (KMS:2018-19) of paddy per annum from farmers on payment of MSP. Local traditional variety of paddy like "Kulia" and "Boro" produced by small and marginal farmers are also purchased in order to provide the benefit of MSP as per the Food & Procurement Policy of the State. Some of the particular local variety of paddy are cultivated in low land which is regularly marooned by rain water as well as flood water of river Mahanadi & other major rivers of the State. "Kulia"/ "Boro"/ "Badala" variety of paddy is being cultivated in Nayagarh, Kendrapada, Jajpur, Cuttack and Jagatsinghpur district and other parts of the coastal areas of the State. Those local varieties of paddy has heavy water resistance capacity of more than one week, the resultant rice of which is reddish in colour inspite of adequate polishing & the same are preferred by the local people over other rice varieties available in the market.

Previously, this problem was faced in Jajpur and Jagatsinghpur district during KMS:2015-16 wherein, Govt. in FS & CW Deptt. have permitted for issue of the resultant rice under PDS of the area where such variety of paddy is produced maintaining separate books of account.

In view of above, Govt of India may be requested to allow 6% under " Damaged , Discoloured, Sprouted and Weevilled grains" as against the specification limit of 5% in the Uniform Specification of paddy for the KMS: 2019-20. Similarly, Government of India may be requested to allow" Red grains" from existing 3% to 4% and

“Discoloured grains” from existing 5% to 6% in case of boiled rice and 3% to 4% in case of raw rice for above reasons.

Proposed changes suggested for the KMS: 2019-20 in the Uniform Specification of rice and paddy are presented below:

Commodity	Schedule of refraction	Existing limit	Proposed limit
Paddy	Damaged, Discoloured, Sprouted & Weevilled grains (Damaged, Sprouted & Weevilled grains should not exceed 4%)	5%	6% (Damaged, Sprouted & Weevilled not to exceed 4%)
Rice-Raw& Boiled	Red grain	3%	4%
Rice-Raw	Discoloured grains	3%	4%
Rice-Boiled	Discoloured grains	5%	6%

Yours faithfully,


12.6.2019
Managing Director