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TOP PRIORITY.

Dated 31st May, 2019.

To, The Commissioner-cum-Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Odisha, Bhubaneswar-751001.

Sir,

Sub: Request for early restoration of electric lines to the Cyclonic Storm "Fani" affected Rice Mills of Puri District.

Most respectfully, I would like to bring to your kind notice that the entire rice milling industry in Puri District had suffered extensive damages to the infrastructure as well as Paddy and Rice stocks stored with them in the devastating cyclone "Fani" on 3rd May, 2019. I had recently visited some of the Rice Mills in Puri District and would like to share some of the photographs taken by me. The magnitude of the destruction is beyond imagination.

Sir, the total infrastructure had collapsed and the millers are trying their best for undertaking restoration by repairs, fabrication and erection of the machine plants and structures. *However, nothing of these major works can be done without electricity.* As the godown roofs have also blown away, paddy and rice stock have damaged and needs immediate processing. The stocks are getting further deterioted with every passing day. Millers are functioning with Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation and are under obligation for completing delivery of Rice after milling Paddy. They are in acute distress looking for support from all quarters.

I therefore, most humbly request your honour to *kindly consider issuing suitable instructions to CESU authorities for immediate restoration of electricity to the Rice Mills (list enclosed) on priority basis* to enable the millers to somehow save the Government Food Grains valued at more than Rs. 100 crores.

Enclo: Some Photographs and List of Rice Mills.

Copy to: The Addl. Chief Secretary, MSME Dept, Odisha. Commissioner-cum-Secy, FS&CW Dept, Odisha. Administrator, CESU, Idco Tower, Bhubaneswar. Collector & District Magistrate, Puri. Yours faithfully,

(Santosh Kr. Agrawal), Chairman.