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Dated the 25th June, 2015.

To

The Principal Secretary,
Food & Civil Supplies Department,
Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Haryana,
Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Odisha,
Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal

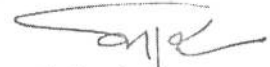
Subject: Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd June, 2015 to discuss the
issue regarding review of Normative Milling charges for raw
and par-boiled rice in various States

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the minutes of the
meeting held under the Chairmanship of Ms. Vrinda Sarup, Secretary,
Deptt. of Food and Public Distribution, Govt. of India on 23rd June, 2015 to
discuss the issue regarding review of normative Milling charges for raw
and par-boiled rice in various States. It is requested that necessary
follow-up action as per the discussion held during the meeting may kindly
be taken immediately and required information may be furnished to Tariff
Commission at the earliest under intimation to this Department.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: as above



(Sanjay Kumar)

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India
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Copy to:

1. CMD, FCI, FCI Hqs., New Delhi.
2. ED (Proc.), FCI Hqs., New Delhi.
3. Chief Advisor (Cost), Tariff Commission, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan
Market, New Delhi.
4. Member-Secretary, Tariff Commission, Lok Nayak Bhawan, Khan
Market, New Delhi.
5. Ms. Manikyamba Palepu, Advisor (Cost), Tariff Commission, Lok
Nayak Bhawan, Khan Market, New Delhi.
6. Ms. C. Lakshmi, GM (Marketing), Telangana State Civil Supplies
Corporation Ltd., Hyderabad.
8. Shri Umashankar Bhargav, GM, MPSCSC Ltd., Bhopal.
9. C. Muthukumaran, GM (Admn.), TNSCSC Ltd., Chennai.
10. Shri Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Director (Food), Government of
Punjab, Chandigarh.
11. Shri Niranjana Nayak, MD, Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation
Ltd., Odisha.
12. Shri R.K. Bhorla, JCFA, Government of Haryana, Chandigarh.

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13. Shri Sudhakar Mishra, Chief Marketing Officer, Department of Food,
Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Copy also to: All Nodal Officers.

Copy for kind information to:

1. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Food), DF & PD.
2. PPS to JS (P&FCI)/PPS to Prl. Advisor (Cost)/ PS to Advisor (Cost).

Minutes of the meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Ms. Vrinda Sarup, Secretary, Deptt. of Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India on 23rd June, 2015 to discuss the issue regarding review of normative milling charges for raw and par-boiled rice in various States

The list of participants is at Annex.

Initiating the discussion, Shri U.K.S. Chauhan, Joint Secretary (Policy & FCI) welcomed Secretary (F&PD), officials of the Tariff Commission and State Govts and gave a brief background of the issue. He stated that since value of bye-products have increased during the last 10 years, it is necessary that income from bye-products should be taken into account while fixing the milling charges. However, due to inability of most of the States to submit the required information till now, Tariff Commission is unable to make any progress in start the study. He also pointed out that keeping in view the urgency of the matter involved, in addition to several written communications, two meetings have also been held under the Chairmanship of the then Secretary(F&PD) on 20.08.2014 and 19.03.2015 and, even though in these meetings, representatives of the State Govts. assured to submit the requisite information within a fixed time-frame but most of the States have failed to adhere the same. He also pointed out that since C&AG and CVC are also seized of the matter, it is necessary that study should be completed in a fixed time-frame. In her introductory remarks, Secretary (F&PD) expressed concern at the absence of initiative from some of the State Govts. such as Govt. of Haryana, West Bengal and Chhattisgarh in making available the required information to Tariff Commission. After this, a state-wise review of present status of receipt of information was done as under:

Punjab: Director(Food), Govt. of Punjab stated that out of 17 mills in respect of which data is required to be furnished by Punjab, complete information including data gaps pointed out by Tariff Commission in respect of 11 mills have already been furnished. In respect of remaining 6 mills, State promised to furnish the complete information by Friday i.e. 26.06.2015.

Tamil Nadu: Representative of Tamil Nadu had brought the requisite information in respect of 15 mills and handed over the same to Tariff Commission in the meeting itself.

Chhattisgarh: No representative from Chhattisgarh was present. Tariff Commission pointed out that out of 11 mills in respect of which data was furnished by State, data in respect of 7 was not legible. Further, no information in respect of data gaps pointed out by Tariff Commission have been furnished by the State Govt. keeping in view the poor response of Chhattisgarh and absence of representative in spite of prior intimation, it was decided that special focus should be given on the State.

Odisha: Representative of Odisha was stated that they have since submitted the information in respect six par-boiled mills. At this, JS(P&FCI) requested that Odisha should submit the information in respect of at least 15 par-boiled rice mills to enable Commission to give the

recommendation for review of milling charges for par-boiled rice also. Representative of Odisha promised to make available the complete information for 15 par-boiled rice mills by 31.07.2015.

Haryana: Tariff Commission pointed out that till now, information in respect of only one mill has been received from Haryana so far. At this, Secretary(F&PD) stated that in the last meeting, Haryana had promised to furnish the information by 27.03.2015 but even after lapse of around three months, information is still awaited. She expressed concern on the total lack of response from Haryana and desired that officers of State must take all possible action to make available the data in respect of 15 raw rice mills at the earliest. At this, representative from Haryana promised to furnish the information latest by 31.07.2015.

Madhya Pradesh: Representative of Madhya Pradesh stated that data in respect of 11 mills have already been submitted earlier and in respect of two mills, the data was handed over to Tariff Commission during the meeting itself. He also promised to furnish the data in respect of remaining mills within 20 days.

Karnataka: Secretary(Food), Govt. of Karnataka informed that State has since submitted the complete information in respect of 18 mills. Secretary(F&PD) expressed happiness over the prompt response of Karnataka.

Uttar Pradesh: Representative of Uttar Pradesh informed that as pointed out by Tariff Commission, State has since submitted the typed data in respect of 9 mills and will furnish the complete information in respect of remaining 6 mills by 15.07.2015.

West Bengal: Tariff Commission informed that vide letter dated 22.05.2015, Govt. of West Bengal has informed that they have submitted the information to RO FCI West Bengal but same has not been received in the Commission so far. At this, it was pointed out that since data was required to be submitted by the State Govt. directly to Tariff Commission under intimation to Deptt. of Food & PD and FCI has no role in this. It was, therefore, decided that matter will be checked with RO FCI and efforts will be made to make available the complete information to the Commission at the earliest.

Andhra Pradesh: No representative from Andhra Pradesh was present. However, Tariff Commission pointed out that even though vide letter dated 11.05.2015, Commissioner(Food) Govt. of AP has requested District Collectors of some districts to make available the information but there is no response thereafter.

2. After reviewing the State-wise progress, JS(P&FCI) reiterated his earlier request that in order to expedite the study, Tariff Commission should send their representatives to concerned States. He also promised that all logistic and other arrangements for the visit will be made by FCI. However, Advisor(Cost) Tariff Commission stated that owing to lack of manpower, it is not possible for her to make any commitment in the matter. At this, Secretary(F&PD) advised her to discuss the matter with senior officers of the Commission. She also stated that if it is not possible for the Commission to visit all States, then Commission should depute

representatives to at least three States, i.e. Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal. JS(P&FCI) also stated that that would be asked to meet the cost, if this work is entrusted to suitable representatives through outsourcing. It was further clarified that if State Governments find some millers unwilling not cooperating, they can substitute them with other suitable millers for providing requisite data from the required number of millers.

3. It was also decided that it may be brought to the notice of States that those States which fails to furnish the information by 31st July, 2015 may face the withholding of payment of milling charges till complete information of the selected millers is made available by them.

The meeting ended with the Vote of Thanks to the Chair.

Attendance Sheet

List of participants of the meeting held under the Chairpersonship of Secretary(F&PD), DFPD on 23rd June, 2015 at 3.30 PM, Krishi Bhawan to discuss the issue regarding review of normative milling charges for raw and par-boiled rice

S. No.	Name of the Officer, Designation & Deptt. (Ms./S/Shri)
Department of Food & PD	
1	Vrinda Sarup, Secretary(F&PD) - in Chair
2	U.K.S. Chauhan, Joint Secretary(Policy&FCI)
3	Rachna Chopra, Advisor(Cost)
4	Manoj K. Gupta, Director(FC A/cs)
5	Sanjay Kumar, US(FC A/cs)
6	Manoj Kumar Jha, SO(FC A/cs)
7	Hemant Khulbe, SO(FC A/cs)
Tariff Commission	
8	Manikyamba Palepu, Advisor(Cost)
9	S.D. Maurya, Director(Cost)
10	Bharti Sahai, Deputy Director(Cost)
11	Lalit Wadhwa, Deputy Director
12	P.K. Dhar, Deputy Director(Tech)
Food Corporation of India (FCI)	
13	S.P. Kar, ED(Proc.), FCI Hqs.
Representatives from State Govts.	
14	G. Kalpana, Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka
15	C. Lakshmi, GM(Mktg.), Tamil Nadu CSC, Chennai
16	Umashankar Bhargav, GM, Madhya Pradesh SCSC, Bhopal
17	Bharti Ogrey, GM, Madhya Pradesh SCSC, Bhopal
18	C. Muthukumaran, GM(Admn.), Tamil Nadu CSC, Chennai
19	Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Director(Food), Govt. of Punjab
20	Survesh Kumar, GM(Fin), PUNGRAIN, Food & Supply, Punjab
21	Niranjan Nayak, MD, Odisha SCSC, Odisha
22	R.K. Bhoria, JCFA, Govt. of Haryana
23	Jaipal Redhu, Auditor, Govt. of Haryana
24	Dr. Sudhakar Mishra, Chief Marketing Officer, Uttar Pradesh