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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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From

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary to Government of India,
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution,
Department of Food & Public Distribution,
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

Sub: **Request for relaxation for specification of paddy in Odisha for Central pool procurement for the KMS 2013-14.**

Sir,

With reference to the above subject, I would draw your kind attention to the fact that the State of Odisha has been badly affected by the 'very severe cyclonic storm' "Phailin" on 12th & 13th October'13 and consequential floods. Subsequent very heavy rain fall and flood from 21st to 26th October 2013 also created havoc in large parts of the State. In this regard the discussion of the undersigned in your office chamber in 20th Nov'13 may kindly be recalled. 18 (eighteen) districts have been severely affected in cyclone and floods as notified by the Special Relief Commissioner, Odisha. The list of 18 districts is enclosed at Annexure-I.

That apart, though there was no visible damage to life & property in other districts, crop cutting experiment in **Bargarh** and **Kalahandi** districts has shown that there has been damage to the standing crops in terms of discoloration, damaged grains etc. There has been a request from concerned Districts to relax the FAQ norms for enabling farmers sell paddy to the central pool. There are instances of relaxation in the specification of paddy by Government of India which has helped in preventing distress sale of paddy in the State and thereby extending immense help to the farmers of Odisha. It is learnt that Government of India has relaxed the norms for paddy procurement for Punjab on 31st October'13 as crops there had suffered damage due to inclement weather. We would request you to kindly depute a central team to assess the extent of damage at the earliest to initiate the process.

Further, I am to state that Ganjam district has been very severely affected by 'Phailin' cyclone on 12-13 October 2013. Around 15,000 M.T. of paddy procured during 2012-13 KMS which were waiting to be milled has been damaged as the roofs of many mills were blown away. Relaxation in the specification of custom milled rice (CMR) for above un-milled paddy for the KMS 2012-13 may kindly be allowed for delivery under DCP and distribution under PDS.

It is therefore, requested that a Central team may be sent at the earliest to assess the damage and do the needful.

Yours faithfully,

M.S. Padhi
23/11/13

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government

LIST OF DISTRICTS AFFECTED BY CYCLONE AND FLOODS

Sl. No.	Name of Districts
1.	ANGUL
2.	BALASORE
3.	BHADRAK
4.	BOLANGIR
5.	CUTTACK
6.	DEOGARH
7.	GAJAPATI
8.	GANJAM
9.	JAGATSINGHPUR
10.	JAJPUR
11.	KANDHAMAL
12.	KENDRAPARA
13.	KEONJHAR
14.	KHORDHA
15.	KORAPUT
16.	MAYURBHANJ
17.	NAYAGARH
18.	PURI