

FAX

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

No. 6689 /FS & CW, Dated 31-3-16

From

Shri Madhusudan Padhi, IAS  
Principal Secretary to Government

To

All Collectors

Sub: Acceptance of CMR of FAQ norm in RRCs.

Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to say that elaborate guidelines have been issued for lot-wise sampling and quality analysis of samples in order to ascertain FAQ standard during receipt of CMR from custom millers in Rice Receiving Centres. A plethora of trainings have also been imparted to the officials deployed in RRC especially on quality test of CMR as per FAQ norms and scientific preservation till disposal under PDS. But it is seen that casual approach of some CSO-cum-District Managers (CSOs) in implementing the guidelines and their interference in quality control activities have resulted in receipt of substandard CMR in RRCs when compared against the quality of stocks delivered to FCI by the same miller out of the same paddy procured by Odisha State Civil Supplies Corporation(OSCSC).

To illustrate a case in point, during December, 2015 action plan was prepared by OSCSC for evacuation of 2650 MT of surplus CMR of Koraput district on despatch to Malkangiri district by road movement. At the time of lifting as per plan, Procurement Inspectors of RRC, Boriguma and RRC, Jeypore in Koraput district, instead of delivery of stock observing required formalities, submitted in writing to their CSO (with a copy to the Lifting Officer of the consignee district) that the stocks received by them are not fit for issue to other district on the ground that the said stock does not conform to the FAQ specifications. They further mentioned that it may create problem for them if the said stock was issued to Malkangiri district. But they did not conduct any joint analysis of samples in support of their written statements. It is not understood how any stock unfit for issue under PDS in another district can be fit for issue under PDS in own procuring district.

Action plan of OSCSC could not materialise for such illogical action of the concerned depot in-charge. OSCSC has placed both the P.Is under suspension for such questionable conduct.

Complaints have been received to the effect that the CSO-cum-District Managers being the controlling officers of P.I at district level, are interfering in quality

control activities during acceptance of rice in RRCs. Procurement Inspector /Quality Analyst duly trained for quality check, especially the new ones in the field, are coming under interference

of senior officers and unable to act as per rules. As a result, Quality Control mechanism is distorted at RRC.

OSCSC is taking disciplinary action along with imposition of fine up to Rs.20,000/- for receiving BRL stock but no improvement is being observed in receipt of quality rice from the millers. So many training programmes and workshops undertaken for quality control of foodgrains is not found to be effective because of tardy compliance of quality control norms by officials assigned for the purpose. It appears that a few CSO-cum-District Managers have actively contributed to deteriorating standards instead of enforcing the same.

In view of above, it is requested to instruct the Civil Supplies Officials to strictly ensure acceptance of FAQ rice in all RRCs. Any deviation of duty by the field officials will be seriously viewed and appropriate departmental action shall be taken against erring officials starting with CSOs. It is further requested Senior District Level Officers like ADM, PD DRDA, Sub-Collector, PA ITDA, etc. may be assigned one depot each to do random checks on quality of rice at least once a month to ensure proper quality.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal Secretary to Govt.

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Memo No. 6690 Date 31-3-16

Copy to all CSO-cum-District Manager for information and necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 6691 Date 31-3-16

Copy to the Managing Director, OSCSC Ltd., Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to his letter no.PP(Q.C) 01/2016/2769 dt. 15.02.16 .

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.

Memo No. 6692 Date 31-3-16

Copy to Asst. Regional Director(S&R), Govt. of India, Quality Control Cell, Plot No.33, Forest Park, Bhubaneswar for kind information and necessary action.

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Deputy Secretary to Govt.