GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER WELFARE DEPARTMENT

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To

The Secretary, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Department of Food and Public Distribution, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi.

Sub: Requirement of gunny bags for packing of CMR - permission for use of HDPE/PP bags procured through GeM.

Sir,

This is regarding requirement of new gunny bales for procurement of paddy and packing of CMR and severe constraints being faced in delivery of new gunny bales by the jute mills against the indented quantity due to pandemic Covid-19 and recent Cyclone 'AMPHAN'. Odisha State Civil supplies Corporation Ltd., the major procuring agency of the State of Odisha has received only 1.10 lakhs bales of gunny against indented quantity of 1.65 lakh (Up to April 2020) gunny bales from the Jute Commissioner. In Kharif season of KMS 2019-20 Corporation has procured 36.16 lakhs MT of CMR under DCP Scheme for which 1.45 lakh of gunny bales are required. In ensuing Rabi season the proposed procurement of CMR will be approximately about 10.00 lakhs MT for which further 40,000 gunny bales are required.

Further, necessary permission for use of once used gunny bags procured through Jute Commissioner in KMS 2019-20 for packing of CMR (collected from FPS) was granted by Govt. of India vide letter No.15-14/2020PY III (E371460) dt 05.05.2020. However the availability of such bags are only about 4,500 bales against present requirement of 95,000 bales. In view of the present crisis arising out of COVID pandemic and the Cyclone 'AMPHAN', there is uncertainty in delivery of the balance indented quantity of gunny bales before June'2020, due to which procurement operations in the State may be hampered.

It is requested that Government of India may kindly consider the proposal and issue the required approval for procurement (through GeM portal) of at least 10,000 bales of HDPE/PP bags (Bureau of Indian Standards Certified) for packaging of 50 Kg rice, as an interim measure to meet the urgent requirement of ongoing procurement of paddy and delivery of rice.

Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Govt.

Yours faithfully,

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