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To,
The Commissioner-cum-Secretary,
Food Supplies & Consumer Welfare Department,
Government of Odisha,
Bhubaneswar-751001.

Dear Sir,

Sub: Procurement of paddy during KMS 2013-14.

This is in continuation to the discussions held during meeting at Khandagiri on 27th Sept,13 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister, FS&CW Dept, Odisha on arrangements for procurement during new KMS 2013-14.

Non-availability of adequate infrastructure with the PACs was one of the main issues during the discussions. It was also impressed upon to spread over the duration of procurement to a longer period to facilitate proper storage and also to avoid mismanagement and chaotic situation during the initial months ***due to procurement of unlimited quantity on a single day irrespective of availability of infrastructure.***

In view of above, there is a need to limit daily procurement. In order to ensure proper handling, quality checking, weighing and stacking, ***we suggest that purchase centers with weigh bridge facility may be allowed to procure paddy to the extent of 5,000 bags while other purchase centers may be allowed to procure upto 1,000 bags (40 kg bag) per day.*** Apart from this, ***storage facility to the extent of 3 times of daily purchase*** is also to be ensured for stacking of procured paddy after standardization before being lifted by the custom miller.

We therefore, request your honour to kindly consider our above suggestion and if approved, ***a mention in the New Food Policy will be of great help*** for its proper implementation.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: Managing Director, Oscsc Ltd, Bbsr.

Sd/-.
(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Secretary.