

# ALL ODISHA RICE MILLERS ASSOCIATION

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Dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

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

Dear Sir,

**Sub: Information on Aorma Meeting held at Bargarh.**

Most respectfully we inform you that a Meeting of our Association was held on Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 at Hotel Annapurna Palace, Bargarh (*Hosted by Bargarh Dist. Rice Millers Association*) to discuss various problems faced by Rice Milling Industry. About 300 Members from different districts were present.

The main contention was the threat to the survival of Rice Milling Industry since more and more Rice Mills are becoming defunct in almost every district. Getting FAQ paddy has become almost impossible in the present set up where hundreds of people will be pressurizing a single miller to lift what ever paddy is brought to the mandi irrespective of quality. In most cases, the district administration appears to be interested to ensure only lifting and lifting in the name of law & order situation.

Sir, impractical fixation of rice out turn ratio on the higher side, undue expenditures at every level, recovery of insurance premium from millers, payment of lower custody maintenance charges, loss due to continued supply of sub-standard under weight New Gunny Bags by Oscsc Ltd and procurement of huge stock within a short span on 2 to 3 months posing problem in scientific storage are some of the reasons mainly responsible for down fall of the Rice Milling Industry. After detailed discussions, the members have unanimously resolved that:-

***“Rice Millers will limit its role to only paddy milling and delivery of custom milled rice after periodically lifting of FAQ Paddy from the Storage Godown of OSCSC instead of direct lifting from “Mandi Point of PACs” as and when required by the individual miller depending upon milling of paddy and delivery of CMR during the ensuing KMS 2014-15. The millers will deliver rice as per results of test milling conducted in our State”.***

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***Paddy procurement, quality checking, grading, bagging, stacking, transportation and storage will be done by the procuring agency as they may think fit.***

A “Press Release” was issued after the meeting and copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your honour’s kind reference and information. Your honour will be kind enough to appreciate the immediate need for survival and growth of Rice Milling Industry in a best possible way. ***Sir, Millers are ready to lift FAQ Paddy from time to time in a phased manner from Oscsc Godowns against deposit of cost to safe guard Government money and assure full co-operation in paddy milling and delivery of CMR to the best of their ability.***

Enclo: Copy of Press Release.

Yours faithfully,

Copy to: 1) Managing Director, Oscsc Ltd, Bbsr.  
2) All Collectors.

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