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

Dear Sir,

Sub: Few Points for ensuing Food Policy for KMS 2014-15.

Pending detailed submissions during meeting generally convened by your honour every year inviting Aorma and 2 representatives from each district before finalization of new Food Policy, we would like to submit the following few suggestions for your honour's kind consideration in the new policy *in relation to the policy framed last year for KMS 2013-14* communicated vide Letter No.18029 Dt.19.10.2013:-

1. Para 2.c) may be modified suitably = *"The PPCs to ensure purchase of FAQ paddy only and should have adequate facility to handle and clean the balance non-FAQ paddy at cost from the farmers"*.
2. Para 5.b) reads "... Collectors will ensure that the levy due as per law is collected from the millers before they dispose any stock in open market. The millers may deliver the total levy rice from them to Food Corporation of India before disposing the levy free rice in open market." **In order to give a boost to Levy Scheme, this may be modified as** *"Collectors will ensure that the levy due as per law is collected from the millers before they dispose proportionate free sale rice in open market. The millers may also deliver the total levy rice due on procurement made by them under levy scheme without necessitating milling of free sale portion of paddy for delivery of levy to FCI. Millers will have the option of milling free sale share of paddy at a later stage to suit market requirement"*.
3. In Para 6.b) the following may be continued as it is *"Payment of MSP is applicable only for FAQ standard paddy and sale of non-FAQ paddy below MSP will not amount to distress sale"*.

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4. Para 7.g) Procurement by Rice Millers under Levy – Levy procurement may not be linked with delivery of CMR to FCI. District specific ratio of delivery of CMR to FCI may be linked with only the requirement and surplus position of a particular district. Levy condition imposed during 2013-14 might have been mis-utilized in many cases.

In order to ensure procurement of paddy *suitable for competitive market of free trading*, millers may be allowed to procure under levy scheme at mill heads. While procurement of levy portion may be made against FIC, millers may be at liberty to purchase free sale portion paddy from any one and from any place including other districts against Photo Identity proof as is allowed in the neighboring state of West Bengal.

5. Miller has no role in paddy procurement from farmers under CMR. His presence during purchase often leads to many controversies. As such, the last part of Para 7.i) which reads “..... *The miller or his representative will remain present on the procurement days at the PPCs and shall ensure lifting of the paddy on regular basis to avoid stockpiling of paddy at PPCs.*” **may be suitably modified as** “..... *The miller or his representative shall ensure lifting of the paddy in consultation with the concerned PACs on regular basis to avoid stockpiling of paddy at PPCs*”.
6. For smooth operation under levy scheme, the existing portion of Para-10.c) which reads “....*Collector may appoint **Enforcement Officers** from the rank of BDO/ Tahasildar/ Sub-Collector etc. to check the mills.*” **may be suitably modified as** “*Collector may appoint the authorized officer of a concerned mill under CMR as Enforcement Officer to check the mills.*”
7. As per Point No.8.1 of the proceeding of review meeting held on 11.3.2014 (refer Fscw letter No.4711/15.3.14), it was decided that “*No custom miller shall be allowed to participate in other districts where such miller has not completed delivery of 100% CMR in his home district. This proposal would be included in the Food & Procurement Policy*”. Accordingly, the above may kindly be included in the last portion of Para-12.c) or as may be suitable.

We assure our full co-operation at all times.

Yours faithfully,

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(Santosh Kr. Agrawal),
Secretary.