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To,

The Principal Secretary,

Food & Supplies Department,

Government of West Bengal,

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Sub- Study on Trial Milling for fixation of OTR of Paddy in West Bengal by IIT Kharagpur

Ref- Ministry letter vide File No 8-3/2022-S&I dated 19.06.2023 (copy enclosed)

Respected Sir,

Your kind self is aware of the fact that study on fixation of OTR of Paddy in the State of West Bengal is undertaken by IIT Kharagpur as per Ministry letter vide File No 8-3/2022-S&I dated 19.06.2023 . **Millers has been directed to keep Parboiled Paddy (soaked , steamed and dried) ready for milling in required quantity for the OTR trials before the arrival of testing team from IIT Kharagpur at their respective mills(Copy of Trial milling-Plan & Pre-requisite enclosed).**

Sir, we have to deliver 68% Rice on the FAQ Paddy which is handed over to us by the State Government at the Purchase Centers **which contents the refractions as allowed as per the FAQ norms** but IIT Khargapur is conducting trial on super cleaned and dried Paddy. This process to ascertain OTR is defeating the entire spirit. Similar Trial was conducted by IIT Khargpur in the year 2005 & IICPT Tanjavur in 2017 but the results arrived at are not practical as **the test was done on clean and dried paddy, which is free from foreign matter and the impurities allowed in the FAQ specifications, which we have to accept from the Procurement centers.**

In this matter we have requested an appointment from the Director, IIT Khragpur vide our letter dated 18.04.2025 (copy enclosed), but no appointment was provided. We have been requesting GOI for revision of the OTR repeatedly. Even State Government has recommended for lowering the OTR. But till date no relief in this regard has been received. In field we get 63 – 64 % but we have to deliver 68 % , causing huge loss for the Rice Mill Industry.

Under such circumstances we request your kind self to take up the matter with the appropriate authority in Government of India, so that the Trial can be done in the FAQ Paddy as is where is basis to ascertain the actual OTR.

Thanking You,
Yours faithfully,



Manoj K Fogla
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Secretary

Trial milling- Plan and Pre-requisites

1) Requirements

Quantity of paddy required: Minimum **1.5 times the hourly capacity of the rice mill**

For example, if the rice mill has a *capacity of 4 MT/h*, the quantity of *paddy required*

For trial milling will be minimum **6 MT** (4×1.5)

- a) **Raw Paddy** (Grade A and Common): Uncleaned FAQ paddy (in required quantity for the OTR trials) need to be **filled into good quality gunny bags** before arrival of the testing team from IIT Kharagpur at the mill.
- b) **Parboiled Paddy** (Grade A and Common): Parboiled paddy (soaked, steamed, and dried) **ready for milling** in required quantity for the OTR trials need to be filled into **good quality gunny bags** before the arrival of the testing team from IIT Kharagpur at the mill.

2) Procedure

- a) **FCI team may kindly ensure proper functioning of the mill and cleanliness** of the milling systems and the required sample collection points as per pre-requisite by visiting designated rice mills in advance.
- b) **Inspection** and familiarization of rice mill, desired cleaning of collection points, functioning of all systems and identifying any leakages by **IIT team upon arrival**.
- c) Before trial milling, the **FCI team needs to collect** uncleaned paddy samples from various paddy bags of same variety and condition of the paddy to be taken for trial milling to **check and ensure** it meets the **FAQ standards**. Additionally, FCI team need to **hand over 1 kg of the FAQ checked uncleaned paddy sample** to IIT team for further analysis.
- d) On-site milling trial preparations and briefing the protocol by IIT team.
- e) Ensure arrangements such as digital platform balance, sufficient manpower (12-15 labour) for weighing the initial materials required and final output obtained from each trial milling run.
- f) Pre-trial milling (for about 30-40 min) with a suitable quantity of the same paddy variety to be milled to ensure filling of all the elevator bottom and continuous flow of material without sticking across the machines.
- g) Dry run for few minutes after each pre-trial to ensure emptying of all tanks, overhead bins and all sample collection points.