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To
Shri Piyush Goyal Ji,
Hon'ble Union Minister of Consumer Affairs,
Food & Public Distribution,
Govt. of India,
"KRISHI BHAWAN",
New Delhi - 110 001.

Sub: Prayer for lifting of embargo on sell of OMSS (Open Market Sale Scheme) Rice & Wheat.

Most Hon'ble Sir,

We beg to solicit your kind attention to the fact that Govt. of India did put an embargo on the sell of OMSS (Open Market Sale Scheme) Rice & Wheat by FCI to the State Govts. w.e.f. April 2022.

The embargo did put a bar on the State Govts. to lift OMSS stocks of Rice & Wheat from the FCI for distribution to Non - NFSA Consumers / State owned Scheme PDS.

Secondly, owing to the inadequate stock position of Wheat in the hands of Govt. of India following the Ukraine War and suspension of export, Union Govt. was forced to supply Rice in lieu of Wheat in the PDS.

The position has since improved and the FCI is equipped with a stock balance of about 159 Lakh tonnes of Wheat & 104 Lakh tonnes of Rice will be available as and on from January 01, 2023 as against the respective buffer requirement of 138 Lakh tonnes of Wheat & 76 Lakh tonnes of Rice as on same date.

Under the above satisfactory circumstances, we would earnestly pray to your Honoured Self kindly to consider ensuring supply of Wheat in PDS as before and also to allow FCI to sell OMSS stocks to the State Govts. for distribution to the Non - NFSA beneficiaries in the PDS. It would also be beneficial for the Govts. to run their own State schemed PDS.

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Moreover, the embargo of supply of OMSS Wheat and supply of Rice instead of Wheat in PDS has resulted in a steep rise in the price of open market ATTA which needs to be arrested as well. This would also cut - down the subsidy figures.

We would beg of you Hon'ble Sir, to consider our above submission and ensure immediate release of Rice & Wheat, as before.

With profuse regards,

We remain Sir Yours faithfully

(BISWAMBHAR BASU) National General Secretary

Copy forwarded for information & taking necessary action, to :-

- 1) Prof. Saugata Roy Ji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha & our Chief Advisor.
- 2) Smt. Locket Chatterjee Ji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha & Chairman, Parliamentary, Standing Committee on Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India.
- 3) Hon'ble Minister in Charge, Food & Civil Supplies Dept. of all the States.
- 4) Shri Sanjeev Chopra Ji, Hon'ble Union Food Secretary, Govt. of India.
- 5) Hon'ble Union Finance Secretary, Govt. of India.
- 6) Hon'ble Expenditure Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.
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