

Need for timely lifting of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) pending in Balangir and Subarnapur districts in Odisha by Food Corporation of India (FCI).-laid

SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO (BOLANGIR): I wish to raise a matter of urgent public importance regarding the non-lifting of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) by the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Balangir and Subarnapur districts of western Odisha. Substantial quantities of CMR remain pending for lifting in these districts. From the last Rabi season (2024?25) and the current Kharif season (2025?26), a total of 64.71 lakh quintals of CMR remains pending with FCI in Balangir and Subarnapur combined. FCI has not issued any lifting schedule for Balangir and Subarnapur, while it has agreed to lift rice from Sambalpur and Bargarh districts. Due to continued non-lifting, storage capacity in rice mills has been exhausted, forcing several mills to suspend operations. This has adversely affected mill workers, transporters and daily wage labourers, severely impacting the agro-based rural economy of both districts. I urge the Union Government to immediately intervene, direct FCI to clear the pending stocks, issue a district-wise lifting programme, and prevent further economic hardship to farmers and millers in the region.