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Government of India  
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
Department of Food and Public Distribution

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi,  
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To

The Secretary,  
Co-operation, Food & Consumer Protection Deptt.,  
Government of Tamil Nadu,  
Chennai-600009.

(Fax No. 044 - 25675229)


Subject: **Relaxation in Uniform Specifications of Paddy for kharif crop (Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10 in Tamil Nadu - regarding.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. 25960/B1/2009-I, dated 10.11.2009 seeking relaxation in specification of Paddy for Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10 in respect of Tamil Nadu.

2. In order to reduce hardship of farmers and to avoid distress sale of paddy, Government has allowed relaxation in the uniform specifications of paddy during Kharif Marketing Season 2009-10 upto 20% in respect of moisture content against the existing limit of 17% in Thanjavur, Thiruvarur & Nagapattinam districts of Tamil Nadu with **full value cut**.
3. These relaxations will be applicable for current Kharif crop only.
4. Separate account will be maintained for such paddy/rice milled therefrom.
5. The State Government will utilise the milled rice from such paddy only for TPDS/Other Welfare Schemes within the State on over-riding priority.
6. The above relaxation will be in operation with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Ashok Kumar)  
Dy. Commissioner (S&R)  
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