

The Hindu Business Line	Language	English
Mumbai	Journalist	Prabhudatta Mishra
19/10/2023	Page no	10
50.71		
	Mumbai 19/10/2023	Mumbai Journalist 19/10/2023 Page no

Ready to collaborate on G2G deals, procure from FPOs, rice exporters tell Co-op Ministry

Ready to collaborate on G2G deals, procure from FPOs, rice exporters tell Co-op Ministry

Prabhudatta Mishra New Delhi

Exporters of non-Basmati rice have requested the government to identify those firms who have consistently paid Minimum Support Price (MSP) to paddy farmers and declare them as the "preferred counterparties" for export collaborations.

The request has come after the Centre appointed the newly-created National Cooperative Exports Ltd as the canalising agency for government-to-government deals.

In a letter to the Cooperation Ministry, The Rice Exporters Association (TREA) said it appreciates the government's initiative in promoting rice exports, which are under prohibition, through Cooper-



atives for other countries' requirements. However, as millers and exporters have made significant investments in creating manufacturing facilities, they too want to be considered in execution of the overseas orders.

The association said it is ready to source rice from farmers' producers organisation in view of the Centre's objective of allowing NCEL to handle government-to-government (G2G) deals. "We are eager to collaborate and actively participate in the execution of these overseas orders. If acceptable, we are open to signing back-toback contracts with an overriding commission to cooperatives, similar to the practice with other state-run organisations," TREA said in a letter to Union Cooperation Secretary Gyanesh Kumar.

WORKERS HURT

The exporters' body has proposed a joint meeting of related agencies/organisations such as APEDA and the Cooperation Ministry with its members to take the initiative forward.

"Such a meeting would provide an opportunity for open dialogue, collaboration, and establishment of a clear path forward that aligns with the goals of all stakeholders,"it said. Highlighting that the exporters and millers employ thousands of workers in each major unit, the current ban on non-Basmati exports is impacting lakhs of workers.

The government has allowed only parboiled rice in the non-Basmati category with 20 per cent export duty; which recently got extended until March 31, 2024.

The industry body has also said its members have consistently exported an average of 10 million tonnes annually over the past five years, whereas cooperatives, collectively, have not achieved even 10,000 tonnes annually.

"For the efficient distribution of overseas orders, it seems logical and fair to consider past performance as the basis," TREA President BV Krishna Rao said in the letter.

Internal (for authorised circulation only)





Publication	Rajasthan Patrika	Language	Hindi
Edition	New Delhi	Journalist	Bureau
Date	19/10/2023	Page no	4
CCM	62.64		

Liquid urea will increase crop production by 24%, conventional 70% is wasted

जैव प्रौद्योगिकी वैज्ञानिक डॉ. रमेश रलिया ने तैयार किया तरल नैनो यूरिया, इससे 2030 तक भारत के बचेंगे 40 बिलियन डॉलर तरल यूरिया से 24% बढ़ेगा फसल उत्पादन, पारंपरिक 70% होता है बर्बाद



