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Respected Sir,

Sub: **UNNECESSARY CEREALS STOCK BY FCI - REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CHANGE IN THE POLICY - REG.**

The buffer stocks as per GOI norms is 21.2 Million tones. Whereas it is now 46 million tons as of March 2011.

The Rabi wheat in Punjab & Uttar Pradesh is expected at 80 million tones and the rice in south will get 20 million tones, in addition 40 million tones with farmers & millers.

The problems because of excess stock with Government are -

- FCI is not purchasing from farmers nor millers at MSP.
- There is no storage facility with FCI or State Governments.
- The millers are having their go-downs full and are not purchasing from farmers.
- Farmers who kept stocks are unable to sell them because of low price.

Request for your immediate action:

1. Allow export of **2 Million Tones Sona Masuri** rice from South India.
2. Allow 3 Million Tones of par boiled rice from Andhra Pradesh.
3. Donate 5 Million Tons of wheat to African countries as a goodwill gesture.

Reforms required:

- There is no need for panic on food crisis in India.
- India will be producing huge Wheat & Rice to meet its needs & also exports.
- Reform Public Distribution System by allowing coupons for food as well as fertilizer.
- Remove sugar from essential commodities act.

The above reforms are very essential for rural development. Requesting for your immediate action.

Yours Sincerely


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"Food security first - Farmers welfare must"

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