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Date: 08th August 2026

To,

Sh. Sanjeev Chopra Ji, Secretary

Department of Food and Public Distribution

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi – 110001

Subject: Penalties Mounting up due to Non-Issuance of Surplus Rice from FCI.

Respected Sir,

On behalf of the Grain Ethanol Manufacturers Association (GEMA) and its member distilleries, we sincerely appreciate the Department's support in making surplus FCI rice available for ethanol production up to Q3 of ESY 2025-26.

However, our members are facing difficulties in lifting the allocated rice despite making advance payments and submitting all required documents. The key issues include:

- Delay of over 60 days in issuance of Release/Delivery Orders despite advance payment and submission of documents.
- Delay in lifting permissions and non-availability of rice at designated depots.

As the program is time-bound, these delays, which are beyond the control of distilleries, are affecting their ethanol supply commitments to OMCs and may also lead to PRC penalties.

We therefore humbly request an opportunity for an in-person meeting at your earliest convenience to present the issues and seek your kind guidance and intervention.

We sincerely hope for your support in resolving these challenges so that the industry can continue contributing effectively to the national EBP Program.

Warm regards



Dr. C. K. Jain

President

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- 1) JS (Sugar), DFPD, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
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- 3) CMD, FCI, New Delhi.
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- 5) OMC Coordination Committee (BPCL, HPCL & IOCL)