

GUIDELINES FOR DEALING THE CASES OF RICE HUSKING UNITS.

Small Rice Husking units are operational in every nook and corner of the State especially in rural areas. Even though such units are operational throughout the year, yet work load is more during the harvest season of paddy. Licenses for such units are granted by the Revenue Department, through concerned Tehsildars and as per the exempt list such units do not require consent of the Pollution Control Board. These units are mostly operational in populated areas and being facility to villagers at their doorsteps, such units mostly run in harmony with village life. However, it has been noticed over a period of time that some villagers have registered their complaints against some units.

Having reared of the nature of activity, the possible source of pollution can be noise and dust. For noise, standards are already prescribed and for control of dust, units must run in covered sheds. If these requirements are met, then unit should be allowed to function.

However, in case of any complaint against any rice husking mill, it is proposed to follow below mentioned guidelines for disposal of such complaints.

1. Noise level should not be in excess of prescribed limits reflected herein below.
2. $1/4^{\text{th}}$ of house holds or above within radius of 100 Mtrs of unit should not have lodged the complaint.
3. The capacity of the unit should not be more than 25. Qtls of rice per day.
4. An integrated unit comprising of de-husking, oil extraction, Atta Chekki. Spice grinding should not be allowed without the consent of the Board.
5. A distinction between rice husking unit and rice mill needs to be made as the concessions are not available to Rice Mill.

Noise Standards.

AREA CODE	CATEGORY OF AREA/ZONE	Limits in DB(A) LEQ*	
		DAY TIME	NIGHT TIME
A	Industrial Area	75	70
B	Commercial Area	65	55
C	Residential Area	55	45
D	Silence Zone	50	40

Note:

Day time shall mean from 6.00 a.m to 10.00 p.m
Night time shall mean from 10.00 p.m to 6.00 a.m

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