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A Feedback on our Meeting at New Delhi on 15.02.2024 & 16.02.2024 respectively with the different Officials:-

- (1) We had a discussion with Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani Ji, Hon'ble Union Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India on 15.02.2024 who was kindly advised by Hon'ble Union Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah to find out the ways & means as to how the Cooperation Department would come up with proposal for enhancing the viability of Fair Prie Shops by the Union Cooperation Department. We were also requested to submit concrete proposals in this regard at the earliest. All Office bearers & the National Working Committee Members of All India Federation are being requested to kindly send their proposals immediately.
- We handed over a detailed report on our problems with Hon'ble Union Consumer Affairs Secretary, Shri Rohit Kumar Singh Ji on the same day i.e. on 15.02.2024 relating to lifting & distribution of Bharat brand subsidized essential commodities like Chana Dal (1 kg pack), Moong Dal (with & without chilka), Atta (10 kgs' pack), Rice, Wheat etc. He was pleased to assure that he would kindly discuss the matter with 3 (three) Central Agencies NAFED, NCCF & KENDRIYA BHANDAR in a Virtual Meeting with our participations as well on coming Monday or Tuesday of this month i.e. either on 19th or 20th February 2024.

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### Pilot project for Fair Price Shops onboarding on ONDC launched

(3)Shri Ravi Shanakar, IAS, Director (PD-I & PD-III) who is going to be promoted as Joint Secretary of the Department of Food & Public Distrtibution, Government of India was pleased to inform us that the Food & Public Distribution, Government of India has launched a pilot to on - board Fair Price Shops on ONDC. As part of this pilot, 11 Fair Price Shops from Himachal Pradesh have got onboarded on ONDC. This is the first time, Fair Price Shops have joined ONDC. 5(five) Fair Price Shops in Una and 6 (six) Fair Price Shops in Hamirpur Districts of Himachal Pradesh have got onboarded on ONDC. The landmark initiative is in line with the efforts of the Department in transforming the Fair Price Shops and providing additional avenues of income generation for Fair Price Shop Dealers. Various benefits for Fair Price Shop Dealers including visibility in the digital market - place, access to a larger customer base beyond NFSA beneficiaries and the ability to compete on an equal footing with large retailers and e - commerce platforms. Additionally, beneficiaries who face difficulties in making online purchase can approach the Fair Price Shop Dealers to make online orders on their behalf. MicroSave Consulting (MSC) is supporting in deploying this pilot program.

Shri Ravi Shanakar Ji was also requested us to submit further proposals, if any, for enhancing our viability.

(4) We were also given to understand that a para – wise reply of our 14 – point Charter – of – Demands handed over by us to Hon'ble Union Food Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal Ji on 06th February 2024 at Parliament House, New Delhi would be sent to us shortly.

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- (5) He was further pleased to draw our attention of Para 9 of Central PDS Control Order 2024, where it was clearly mentioned that "The State Government shall allow sale of commodities other than the foodgrains distributed under the Targeted Public Distribution System at the Fair Prie Shops to improve the viability of the Fair Price Shop operations" and under such circumsatnces, no State Government / Union Teritorry can object to the sale of of non PDS items from the FPS Counters.
- (6) Attention of the Hon'ble Union Food Minister was drawn to the fact that inspite of his repeated assurances, maintenance of the manual Registers by the Fair Price Shops has not as yet been given effect to even in the newly notified PDS Control Order and it needs immediate amendment in confirmation to his promise.
- (7) Shri Ravi Shanakar Ji also informed that the views of the Union Food & Public Distribution Department as called for by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in a case about "Duare Ration" (Doorstep Delivery of Ration to the Beneficiaries) would be submitted by the Hon'ble Apex Court shortly.
- (8) So far enhancement of Margin of the Fair Price Shop Dealers are concerned, a proposal is being sent to the Finance Ministry for their approval.

Discussion with Shri Suneel Sachdeva Ji, Director (NFSA), Food & Public Distribution Department, Government of India

(9) We so far knew that the amount of additional margins @ Rs. 21/-

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- (10) Regarding supply of foodgrains in Jute Bags, it was confirmed that the supply of Rice should be made only in Jute Bags but wheat would be supplied in Jute Bags depending on availability.
- (11) Attention of the Central Government was drawn to the illegal action of the Punjab State Government who have started conversion of NFSA Wheat to Atta from 6th February 2024 and supplying the resultant Atta to the beneficiaries in packets containing photograph of the State Chief Minister, Punjab. We demanded immediate remedial measures in this matter and stop such illegality.
- (12) We have come to understand from FCI that the stock position of Wheat is alrming as private parties procured wheat directly from the farmers at higher rates than the FCI we are sending a copy of the internal communication of the FCI in this regard for favour of your information and necessary action (copy enclosed).
- (13) We most unfortunately state that inspite of the good intentions of the Union Government to allow sell of non PDS subsidized

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commodities to the Consumers through Fair Price Shops, some officials of the Central Agencies like NAFED, NCCF, KENDRIYA BHANDAR are not equally inclined to give effect to this scheme. In fact, they prefer to supply to the big companies and Multi – Nationals.

(14) We also discussed in details about our 14 – point Charter – of – Demands with Shri Kaushal Kishor Garg, Senior Officer (PD-I & PD-III), Government of India.

We must not relent and maintain close liaison with the Union Governmet so that our Demands are fulfilled and assuarances given to remedy our problems are done in no time.

In all the above discussions, Shri Shishpal Godara, Vice – President from Haryana, Shri Dimple Kumar Sharma, Vice – President from Rajasthan & Shri Shiv Kumar Garg, Vice – President from Delhi were accompanied by Shri Biswambhar Basu, National General Secretary.

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