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To  
**Shri Piyush Goyal Ji,**  
Hon'ble Union Minister,  
Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs,  
Food & Public Distribution and Textiles,  
Government of India,  
"KRISHI BHAWAN",  
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**Our immense gratitude for  
granting us an appointment.**

Most Hon'ble Sir,

We are immensely grateful that you have most kindly conveyed through **Dr. Subhash Ramarao Bhamre Ji,** Hon'ble Member – of – Parliament, Lok Sabha & Former Minister – of – State for Defence, Govt. of India kindly to meet us inspite of your very busy schedule so as to enable us to express our predicaments which we are placing below in short :-

### (1) FPS DEALERS' VIABILITY :

Our viability has dwindled down making our business thoroughly non – viable and realistic increase in our Margins are being denied inspite of our repeated prayers and requests.

May we repeat our prayer Sir and beg of you kindly to consider allowing us a fair margin so that we may be able to run our Shops in a viable manner and get an assured monthly income of Rs. 50,000/- per Fair Price Shop without passing the burden on the State Govts. / UTs who do not have the financial ability to act upon the implementation.

We very much expected that the matter of increasing the Margins of the Fair Price Shop Dealers would be provided for in the **Union Interim Budget** but we are thoroughly dismayed that in place of increasing the Budgetary provision (Demands for Grants, 2024 – '25) reduction has been made **from 8,531.77 Crores of Rupees to 7,075 Crores of Rupees** belying our hopes.

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Recommendations of the "World Food Program" appointed by the Union Govt. who submitted their recommendation as back as February 2020 may kindly be implemented.

For the sake of placing before your Honoured Self a realistic and concrete picture of our absolutely unviable conditions putting the Ration Dealers on the brink of financial catastrophe.

The provision of **paying advance Margins** to the FPS Dealers as laid down in the NFSA are not being followed by any State / Union Territories which may kindly be looked in and changed.

The **Punjab State Govt.** gives to Fair Price Shop Dealers **Rs. 50/- per quintal as a Margin** only where as **Central Govt. has enhanced the Margin to Rs. 90/- per quintal** and all other State Govts. are paying accordingly only Punjab is an exception.

## (2) ADDITIONAL MARGIN FOR SALE THROUGH e – PoS :

The Union Govt. has been granting an additional margin of Rs. 17/- (Rupees seventeen) per quintal as provided for in the NFSA for distribution of foodgrains through e – PoS devices.

Unfortunately, however, most of the State Govts. pay a portion of Rs. 17/- (Rupees seventeen) for service & maintenance of the e – PoS machines and keep the remaining portion with them or with the Union Govt. in contravention to what has been directed in the National Food Security Act.

Govt. of India since increased the Additional Margin for sale through e – PoS from 17/- to 21/- per quintal w.e.f. April 2022 and we would beg of your Honoured Self kindly to consider issuing an order directing the State Govts. to pass on the excess amount that is left to the FPS Dealers since the date of implementation of e – PoS machines with retrospective effect.

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## (3) SUPPLY OF CENTRALLY SUBSIDIZED ESSENTIAL ITEMS :

The decision of the Union Govt. to supply "Bharat Chana Dal, Bharat Moong Dal, Bharat Atta, Bharat Rice, Bharat Wheat & other items in the open market through the Central Agencies like NAFED, NCCF & Kendriya Bhandar" with a view to checking the open market spiralling prices of such items may kindly be routed through Fair Price Shops also for boosting up the viability of the Fair Price Shops.

## (4) TECHNICAL SNAGS CAUSING DEPRIVATION OF RATION DUE TO BIOMETRIC SYSTEM :

The magnitude of the problem has reached such a serious level that the very lives properties of the Dealers have come under threat on account of fury of the irate beneficiaries owing to the technical snags of the system and non – availability of any suitable alternative even as emergency measures.

To elaborate the problem for favour of your consideration, we submit that mandatory imposition of biometric system has resulted in more problems than help both the Dealers as well as the Cardholders due to "Servers" remaining frequently down causing mis – functioning of "Net", mismatch of fingerprints, failure of OTP etc. such harassments need to be looked into and remedied by allowing distribution of Ration through e – PoS by inserting Aadhar Nos. of the concerned Cardholders under such exigencies as declared by Madam Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti Ji, Hon'ble Minister – of – State for Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India in Rajya Sabha on 16.12.2022.

## (5) HANDLING LOSS :

We have appealed to the Union Food Dept. for kindly considering grant of "Handling Loss" to the FPS Dealers @ 1 (one) kg foodgrains & Sugar per quintal since such loss is a reality and unless, there is any provision for the Dealers to justify such reality they are under pressure of disciplinary action for the shortages on account of such Handling Loss at the time of Physical verification of stocks.

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## (6) SUPPLY OF LPG CYLINDERS THROUGH FPS NETWORK :

To kindly take up with the Petroleum Ministry and to arrange distribution of LPG Domestic Cylinders through the FPS network across the Country for their viability.

## (7) MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL REGISTERS :

Maintenance of Registers should be done away with as recommended by Hon'ble Union Food Minister following the introduction of biometric method of distribution through the e - PoS machines.

## (8) DEVIATION FROM THE PROVISION OF PDS CONTROL ORDER :

We would point out that instead of implementing the NFSA and the Central PDS Control Order, some State Govts. / UTs like West Bengal, Punjab & Andhra Pradesh have framed their own Control Orders which are sometimes in contradiction of the Central Orders.

## (9) SUPPLY OF CEREALS IN PDS IN JUTE GUNNY BAGS :

May we bring it to your kind notice that our Federation had been continuously requesting the Union Govt. for kindly considering procurement & supply of Rice & Wheat in jute gunny bags doing away with the present system of supply in High - Density Polythene (HDPE) Bags.

The request has been made because of the fact that the High - Density Polythene (HDPE) Bags are often leaky and get damaged during handling and transit which result in leakages and loss.

Moreover, supply of cereals in jute gunnies will also boost up the Jute Industries and all those associated with it.

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**(10) RE – ASSESSMENT OF THE NFSA COVERAGE :**

We would also solicit your kind attention to our humble submission made as early as on 05.06.2021 to the Vice – Chairman, NITI AAYOG for kindly updating the Census Population of beneficiaries under NFSA which, unfortunately, still remains to be done as yet.

We relevantly requested the Union Govt. to re – determine the NFSA coverage in States and UTs. after taking into consideration the population increase between 2011 – 2021 so that benefits are not restricted to beneficiaries identified way back in 2011.

**(11) IMPLEMENT THE UNION GOVERNMENT'S DECISIONS FOR TRANSFORMATION OF FAIR PRICE SHOPS :**

Pressure should be created on all State Governments and Union Territories to implement decisions taken by the Central Government for better transformation of Fair Price Shops – (1) Common Service Center (2) Banking Service (3) Postal Service (4) Distribution of 5 kg LPG Cylinder (5) Approval of Mudra Loan (6) PM Wani Network Connection.

**(12) IMPOSING DBT ON APL FARMERS OF MAHARASHTRA STATE :**

Immediate withdrawal of DBT imposed on APL farmers in 14 Districts by the Government of Maharashtra.

**(13) SPECIAL BENEFITS FOR HILLY REGIONS :**

The Hilly Regions of different States like **Darjeeling in West Bengal** may kindly be given similar special benefits like the Hilly States as their problems are same and similar.

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## (14) PLANNING OF PUNJAB GOVT. TO CONVERT NFSA WHEAT INTO ATTA :

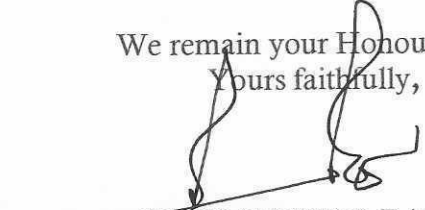
There are 25,000 (twenty five thousands) Fair Price Shops in Punjab out of which, 16,500 (sixteen thousand five hundred) are active, rest are attached with active Fair Price Shops now for political gains the Punjab Govt. is planning to open all the attached Fair Price Shops with the help of Markfed and through those Fair Price Shops, the Govt. likes to convert NFSA wheat to Atta and distribute to beneficiaries this must be stopped as it is in contravention to the provisions of the NFSA.

**Our Federation demands corruption – free PDS without any harassment to the bonafide Consumers and the FPS Dealers owing to no fault either on their part or on the part of the Fair Price Shop Dealers.**

**Your kind and sympathetic consideration to our humble proposals can only save us from financial ruin and we are keeping our fingers crossed expecting your Honoured Self to come as our Saviour.**

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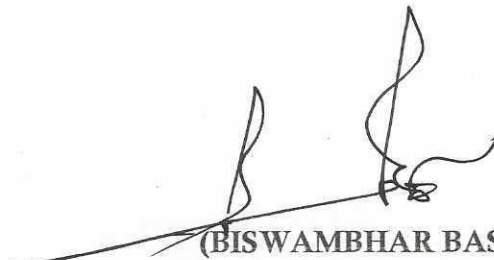
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