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## MINUTES of the National Working Committee Meeting held on 07.01.2025

"We want Justice for Ration Dealers" was the tagline under which an important meeting was held on 07.01.2025 at Muktheadara Auditorium, New Delhi from 10 AM onwards.

The National Working Committee meeting was presided by the National President, Shri Kacham Krishnamurthy Ji and conducted by the Working President Shri Onkar Nath Jha ji.

It is also time especially for the FPS Dealers that Justice is often demanded but SELDOM delivered but we should also remember that Policies launched at the right time are sure to yield good results.

After putting so much effort by the General Secretary, it was unfortunate to note that only Office-bearers of 13 (thirteen) States participated in this important meeting where the future of the PDS Dealers was to be decided, the course of action for the future was to be taken. Are the PDS Dealers serious about themselves or they have decided to surrender themselves to uncertainties. Something should be done to bring discipline to the way the things are going.

Rich tributes were paid to Dr. Manmohan Singh, Former Prime Minister and creator of the NFSA which revolutionised the PDS but was destructive for the FPS Dealers and also to Com. Sitaram Yechury, our first Chief Advisor.

In his inaugural speech, the General Secretary, Shri Biswambhar Basu remembered how his dream of forming the All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation came true, the help he got from the then Chairman cum Managing Director of Food Corporation of India, Shri Naresh Chaturvedi ji and the labour he put in Noble persons' accomplishment lies in their strength of will, not in their tools.

In the presidential speech the National President, Shri Kacham Krishnamurthy said that the situation is getting bad to worse day-by-day, the leaders should work vigorously to strengthen the Federation and stressed upon to work for their own betterment.

The common problems and Demands in common put forward by all the present who put their views forward are as follows:-

- 1) Shri Kacham Krishnamurthy (Telengana) requested the Govt. to supply essential items at subsidised rates which will benefit the Beneficiaries and help the FPS Dealers attain viability.
- 2) Shri Dharanidhar Borah (Assam)-said that we have agitated in many ways from Ram Lila Maidan to Jantar Mantar but the Govt. has not done anything for the viability of the FPSs. He also requested all to deposit their monthly subscription at the earliest @ Rs. 2/- per month per shop.
- 3) Shri SS Girija Rao (Andhra Pradesh) said that they have filed a Writ petition against MDU (Mobile Dispensing Units).
- 4) Shri Barun Kumar Singh (Bihar) put in the demand for One Nation One Ration Card One Commission but the General Secretary said that it is not right as the Dealers of the hilly region & North Eastern States will suffer.

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5) Shri Vijay Kr. Ghritalahare (Chhattisgarh) - Network problem. Reshuffle required unable to work due to factionalism.

6) Shri Shiv Kumar Garg (Delhi) said that the Union Govt. works uniformly but the State Govt./UTs work differently.

7) Shri Shishpal Godara (Haryana) - The Federation should be strengthened by injecting young talents and ready them for the future. The Govt. cannot supply subsidised items for a long period. Income is less important than safety of profession. Safety of Profession is supreme. We should be ready to fight for our rights.

8) Shri Dimple Kumar Sharma (Rajasthan) - Due to the order of no distribution without KYC, 1(One) Dealer was killed. On the other hand, the Courts say that no eligible Beneficiary should be denied his entitlement. We have demanded compensation for the deceased Dealer. Writ has been filed in the Hon'ble High Court.

9) Shri Phushika Aomi (Nagaland) - Network problem due to hilly region. Margins are inadequate. National Committee meeting should be held in the North Eastern States where the National leaders could study our problems. Tide-over allocation not being distributed through PDS network.

10) Shri Rajesh Tiwari (UP) - e-kyc is being done. We get Doorstep Delivery. Server is very bad. Distributan dates change every month. Paperless is fully implemented. Network problem.

11) Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi (Uttarakhand) - No FPS has 4,000 cards, and in remote places there are even FPSs with 100 cards. Difference of one FPS to another is minimum 8 to 9 kms.

12) Shri Raj Kumar Mittal (West Bengal) shared his experience of "Annapurti" grain ATM gathered from Shri Ravi Shanakar, IAS, Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution that the installation of the ATM will cost around Rs. 25 Lakh which will be financed by financial Institutions/Banks with an interest rate of 14% pa with Rs 38,000/- as EMI for 10 years. Regarding expenses he said Maintainance Rs. 10,000/- per year, Electricity Rs 2,000/- per month etc. The ATM has a capacity to distribute 270 kgs. per hour. To generate Income to bear all these expenses, the ATM should serve 4,320 cards per month. I fear this ATM will eat into 10 FPSs. Number of FPSs will synchronise. We were also assured regarding supply of Bharat brand essential items from NAFED and supply of OMSS(D) Rice and Wheat from FCI.

13) Shri Manish Kumar, Officer from the Food Ministry, Govt. of India and the Ministry of Skill Development Entrepreneurship, Govt. of India said that the Ministry has a training program of 5(five) days where all the amenities like accommodation, food etc will be provided if your residence is far. We will train them regarding every aspect of our nutrition program to develop entrepreneurship Skills to gain experience regarding the contents of the commodity how much is the Nutrition & Fibre. He also gave the example of Shri Chaman Prakash of NOIDA, UP Who is earning handsomely after being trained under the program. Contact your Nodal Officer for this Free of cost program.

14) Shri Onkar Nath Jha (Jharkhand)- Transformation is the way of life. We should adopt new technologies to earn.NITI Aayog has mentioned that only 11.7% have a monthly income of Rs. 10,000/- Rajasthan Annapurna Bhandar is generating an income of his 50,000/- to Rs 1 lakh wherein the Rajasthan State unit requested the General Secretary as a Special Invitee in the Committee appointed by the NITI Aayog to put the real picture of Annapurna Bhandar.

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15) In his concluding speech, the General Secretary said the Budget Session will start most probably from the 29th January. At present, Puducherry, Chandigarh & Lakshadweep, DBT is fully implemented. Some people have earned crores but have no worry about the present situation. We are worried about the future of the fellow FPS Dealers. How to improve things for them to earn a respectful minimum income to survive with his family lead a life of dignity. We had asked for the Aadhar Number, xerox of Ration card of the Head of family for filing a case in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in an emergency. We should move forward even in uncertain situations. Always be prepared for unexpected events. Govt. of India is coming up with new Projects for the betterment of FPS Dealers. We should take a resolution to safeguard our profession. Obey the guidelines of the Federation, we the Ration Dealers are alive with a hope. We should fight for our just Demands and find a remedy in the New Year. It is the problem of all the 36 States of the Country. We are thinking for all, with income of 1,000 to 5,000. The Food Ministry has also accepted our Demand of Rs, 50,000/- income per month. Handling loss should be allowed at @1 kg. per quintal which is a reality. We are running NFSA which is the responsibility of the State Govt. so the decision should be left to them. Quality Check should be done. Paperless Not being implemented due to illegal nexus of the officers of the State Govt. for extorting money from the Dealers. To Supply in plastic (HDPE) Bags is illegal. The Govt. has made mandatory supply in Jute Bags It generates some additional income.

## Common Problems:-

- 1) Network
- 2) Server
- 3) Handling loss

## Common Demands:-

- 1) Increase in Margins
- 2) Replacement of e-Pos machines
- 3) Handling Loss
- 4) Supply in jute gunny bags
- 5) Paperless

Sugar, Pulses and Edible Oil should also be distributed in NFSA. Minimum wages for different categories Labours have been increased but nothing is being done for the FPS Dealers. Food grains to the tune of Rs 70,000 Crores have disappeared. The Govt. is thinking of packing food grains in 15 kg bag, the members by Federation should work with a Fresh Mood. The Dealer community is in Danger and we want Justice for Ration Dealers.

It has also been decided that in collaboration between NAFED and our prestigious organization for the promotion of the Government of India's (GOI) initiatives for Sales and Distribution of Bharat Brand products. In this regard, NAFED sent us a consolidated proposal for Bharat Brand Products with updated MRP and rates (Ex-DC) as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India for Phase 2 of Bharat Brand Scheme.

NAFED is confident that the extensive network and expertise of our organisation shall be helpful to realize and meet the objectives of the Govt. of India.

The Communication dated 08.01.2025 so received from NAFED has been forwarded to all of our All India Leaders through whatsapp with the request to pull up their socks and arrange lifting without any further delay.

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It has been noticed that many Office-bearers & National Working Committee members In the first and very important meeting, were absent and did not send anyone from their State where a Central Govt. Officer was sent in to explain to all present the "Capacity Building Program of Fair Price Shop Owners," the ways to generate some extra income for the viability of Fair Price Shop Dealers. So, all the State Leaders are hereby requested to attend the meetings.

Hence, decision was taken that a face -to-face or Virtual Meeting should be held in every State with the State Committee alongwith District & Sub-Divisional President & Secretary where all the Office-bearers of the Federation should be present.

Accordingly, all are requested to arrange a meeting as early as possible in consultation with the National General Secretary regarding the date & time and do whatever is necessary in this regard.

Last of all, the National General Secretary expressed our miseries, struggle and problems in so many Memorandum to the Hon'ble Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India, Hon'ble Food Minister, Hon'ble Home Minister and also to Hon'ble Prime Minister but all our efforts were in vain.

Our prime & main demand is to maximise the Margins upto the rational limit as the existing amount of Margins is far below the rational limit which we do not understand why our legitimate demands are not being addressed in a proper manner, the administrative silence on this issue is a matter of astonishment for us.

Our Second demand was to please consider the FPS Dealers as Wage-earners and allow us to have a minimum Salary determined as Govt. of India skilled/Un-Skilled Labourers alongwith the existing minimum Margins so that we can give our service.

We have expressed our position and status in the matter of Public Distribution System. We actually function as Base units in the System of PDS. We are the main frame of the structure of PDS.

The Union Budget Session is going to be commenced on & from 29th January 2025 but we are not getting any chance to ventilate our Demands & Grievances to competent administrative authorities during Pre-Budget discussions which we need to have.

Every Office-bearers are requested to express their suggestions, grievances & demands for our existence and for the betterment of PDS as a whole as we know what PDS actually is.

Shri Basu also informed the House that he has been selected as Member of NITI Aayog and for which the House felicitated Shri B. Basu. Shri Basu informed the House that under the Leadership Prof. Ramesh Chand, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, The NITI Aayog is sending a team to the Fair Price Shop levels against which they have planned to visit Mumbai within a week. Similarly, Other State would also be visited within a month or two.

After all, the House resolved that we should review the Union Budget and to find out the Budgetary Estimates for 2025-2026 and if the Union Budget do not cover our demands and hereby requested to fix up the date & time of such meetings immediately. Please Hurry UP! our Minimum-Income- Guarantee, all the Office-bearers will sit together immediately and will take decision about the nationwide movement.

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In the meantime, every leader should approach their MPs to raise Questions during the Budget Session and create pressure upon the Central Govt.

The National General Secretary, Shri Basu informed the House that Shri Ashutosh Agnihotri, IAS has been appointed as Chairman & Managing Director of FCI.

The House acknowledged the demotion of Shri Dayanand Prasad Ji (Bihar) from the post of National Secretary to National Working Committee Member and at the, same time Shri Abhay Kumar Singh (Bihar) has been inducted as the Office-bearers as "Asst. Secretary" and Shri Barun Kr Singh (Bihar) has been elevated in the post of Secretary in place of Asst. Secretary. Other reshuffle would be made shortly. "One man show" mentality should be changed. Even in Virtual Meeting Some States kept themselves silent and do not appear in the meeting.

Since there being no other issue for discussion, the National Working Committee Meeting ended with thanks to and from the chair.

"The Right to Food and the Struggle for the PDS will continue"

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