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Our Reaction on Union Budget – 2025-'26

The Union Budget for the Financial year 2025-'26 has added salt to injury on our long-standing Demands & Appeals to make the Fair Price Shops viable, has been ignored.

Yet we are delighted by knowing the slabs of Income Tax structure for individuals though it does not at all concern us as the earning rate of almost all is far far less than the taxable Income Tax net, yet we are delighted.

Now, we would like to highlight some other points also beside Public Distribution System (PDS) and Fair Price Shops (FPS).

So far as we are concerned, the entire Budget proposal concerning PDS, struggle for existence of Fair Price Shop Dealers, modernisation of PDS mechanism, procurement procedures of foodgrains including several varieties of Pulses and arrangement of utilisation specifically for Public utility who are actually in need.

But our Budget Focus concerning the said issues failed to shed any light so that the system broadly known as Public Distribution System (PDS) may be enriched and be pro-people.

The basic Slogan of Union Govt. is "ROTI, KAPDA, MAKAN" and we are concerned with the subject, mainly ROTI which is a basic item with the Slogan "Food for All".

We were really curious and anxious to know the exact attention of Union Govt. in our cornered subject i.e. PDS and concerned persons, FPS Dealers and distribution mechanism at a "Fair Price" from all "Fair Price Shops" as a whole, But our curiosity is over but anxiety persist as we are really in dark about our existence and continuation of the system.

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It is a fact that in the Budget, PDS has been considered as a issue of Union Govt. but our suggestions in so many occasions and in so many meetings with Distinguished Executives is either rejected and ignored. For us, it is altogether hopeless.

As per our non-intellectual observation, we have noticed some points and interested to highlight those which are briefly narrated as follows:-

DEALER'S MARGIN

It is painful to note that Revision of FPS Dealer's Margin in the Budget of 2025-'26 is "ZERO" and obviously outcome will be "ZERO" which is a painful blow for us.

In the NFSA, it is recorded that a periodical revision of Dealer's Margin in every 3 (three) years is a must and just in many ways. As per provision of the Act, revision is due for 3 (three) slabs from 2016 to 2025. During the period one uncalculated enhancement was made @20/- (Rupees Twenty) only per quintal in April 2022 But for the period of 2016 to 2025, the Central Govt. is absolutely silent for us, it is unfair and unjust.

Atmanirbhar in Pulses:-

We have been delighted to learn from the contents of Union Budget about the procurement mechanism from Producers directly but we are in dark about the Distribution mechanism. The FPS Dealers being the direct chain of distribution mechanism, are interested to take part in the mechanism of distribution system of Pulses for which we are competent enough and authorised also and arrangement may be made accordingly.

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BHARAT brand essential items:-

We cannot understand why the Dream Project of distribution of essential items under the Brand name "BHARAT" like Rice, Atta, Pulses etc. at subsidised rates which have become popular amongst the general public which are not at all announced in the Budget Speech so far as we observed. We are curious to know the existence and status of the Scheme as we are eager as a stakeholder in the matter of distribution in the grassroot level but the present status is not focused in the Budget Speech.

We have briefly narrated our observations of the Budget speech mainly with the subject which actually matter and are of our concern.

The Union Budget has been most frustrating for the Fair Price Shop Dealers who had been assured a fair deal and necessary provision in the Budget to upgrade their financial hardship but these are not actually focused and the Consumers as a whole.

During the Budget Session and Budget discussion, we could request all concerned to kindly consider our predicaments, observation and Appeals to highlight our issues in the Discussion Hours in the Floor which may be treated as our "Prayer".

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