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Low allocation for census, risk of further delay in census

With no special allocation in the budget, there is once again concern about the census. There is a possibility of further delay in the census work. Only Rs 574 crore 80 lakh has been allocated in this year's Budget for the long-pending census and NPR sector. It is known that about Rs 12 thousand crore will be spent on census and NPR work across the Country. The Budget allocated by Hon'ble Finance Minister, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman is completely inadequate. According to the data of 2024-25, the Central Government allocated Rs 1 thousand 309 crore to the Registrar General of India. Later the revised allocation for this sector came down to 572 crores.

There is no possibility of population increase in the current financial year. Clear indication in the Budget proposal. Therefore, only Rs 574 crore 80 lakh has been allocated in this case. Earlier, in the Union Cabinet meeting on December 24, 2019, it was decided to conduct the census in 2021 at a cost of Rs 8,754.23 crore and the National Register of Citizens (NPR) at a cost of Rs 3,941.35 crore. People are also being deceived in a planned manner.

Government assets worth Rs 10 lakh crore will be privatized in the next 5 years.

Allocations for many important projects have been reduced. Allocations for gas connections have been reduced. The revised allocation for this sector in the financial year 2024-25 was 12,700 crore rupees. In this year's budget, it has been cut by 9 thousand 100 crores. Apart from this, the amount of subsidy on LPG has also been reduced.

Project	2024'-25	2025'-26	(Accounts in cores)
Subsidy on LPG	500	1500	
Ujjwala Gas Connection	12,700	9100	

Under the 'Self-Reliance Mission in Pulses', focus will be on urad, masoor, in the production of pulses. NAFED and NCCFF will buy pulses directly from farmers in the next four years.

One of the demands of the agitating farmers is to give legal recognition to the minimum price of the crop. No direct announcement was made about them in the Budget today. But the Government has launched a project to become self-reliant in pulses within the next six years. The Government has promised to buy pulses from

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farmers. Hon'ble Minister Nirmala said that Central agencies like NAFED and NCCF will buy toor, beuli and masoor dal produced from farmers enrolled in the scheme for the next four years. According to agricultural experts, the Government wants to ensure that farmers get 'minimum price for crops' through this scheme.

The aim is to become self-reliant by reducing foreign dependence in the field of edible oil too. The government has taken up the mission. In this case too, the Government will ensure that farmers get a fair price for their crops.

What is the Budget for rice in the stomach of the poor? Past in food and mass distribution that year the allocation was Rs 2.1 lakh crore, actually Rs 2 lakh crore was spent and this year the allocation is Rs 2.1 lakh crore. So the Country is continuously going down in the World Hunger Index, did we see any concern of the Government in this Budget?

What is 'Sabka Vikas' in the Union Budget? No, it did not happen, because there is no mention of ration shops in the Budget.

Food subsidy

The revised estimate for the Food and Public Distribution Department in the 2024-25 budget was Rs 2,05,474.97 crore, which has increased to Rs 2,11,406.37 crore in the current year due to the continuous agitation. Out of which Rs 2,03,420 crore is food subsidy. Which is originally kept for Pradhan Mantri Gharib Kalyan Anna Yojana.

Even though the Budget allocation for the food subsidy sector has increased, we do not see any benefit from this additional allocation amount. Because in the next financial year, the storage price of rice and wheat will naturally have to be increased and the additional cost will come from the additional allocation.

However, the budget allocation of the Consumer Affairs Department has decreased drastically.

While their budget allocation was Rs 7,345.04 crore in the last financial year, they have got only Rs 4,360.72 crore in this Budget.

Price Stabilization Fund: The central government has set aside to prevent the rise in commodity prices by opening a fund called "Price Stabilization Fund", the price stabilization fund is made available to the countrymen by collecting the agricultural produce directly from the farmers of the country at the minimum subsidized price and by providing rice, flour, moong subsidies at a much cheaper price than the market under the Bharat Brand name. Beans and pulses are distributed across the country not only through various central agencies, but also through the All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation.

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Record imports

The import of pulses in 2024 was 66.33 lakh metric tonnes. India's pulses production has increased from 163.23 lakh metric tonnes in 2015-17 to 242.46 lakh metric tonnes in 2023-24. But pulses are not listed in the NFSA list.

In the last few years, it is gradually being seen that due to rising inflation, the income of Fair Price Shop Dealers is not able to sustain but is decreasing day by day. Do Ration Dealers have no role in standing with the society and the Government and in providing ration to every family despite the weak economy? This is not the thinking of the Central or State Government.

Additional NFSA

Arrangements should be made to include citizens "exempt" from income tax in the Rationing system in the next financial year.

Those who are really concerned about the economic condition of Fair Price Shop Dealers thought that if they could get together a little till the end of the Budget session, stick to one thread, move forward with one mind, in the light of long experience in all India region, say one thing in clear words, we will revive our livelihood and the children of the whole Country, I can bring a smile on their face.

After reading the Union Budget allocation, seeing various figures today I realized that the financial allocation for PDS in the Budget has not decreased but increased.

Despite the continuous struggle of the **All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation**, kerosene, petrol, diesel, LPG Gas, Trains, Railway Stations, Airports, Post Offices, Banks - not by removing subsidy, bringing back to open market price or privatization, our Chief Advisor with the help of various MPs including Prof. Saugata Roy, the ration system could not re-implement the DBT system or force to go with the open market by abandoning subsidies.

While reviewing the budget, one thing again became clear to me through various Honourable Ministers of the Government of India, Honourable Members of Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha of every political party, irrespective of the party they belong to, after which the "Budget allocation" should be increased in the following areas within the current Budget session.

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