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The plan to introduce DBT or Cash transfer will not only make the time tested PDS network irrelevant, but also make FCI, CWC the 60 years old organizations a toothless tiger. In absence of requirement of procurement to feed 80+ crore Indians through PDS, the private players will take full control of the open market, result of which, the inflation in food items will touch the sky with shame. It also directly conflicts with Article 21 of The Constitution of India.

According to United Nations, worldwide more than 582 people are projected to be chronically million undernourished by 2030. In order to protect the common people of the Country from the global food crisis, the Public Distribution System must be strengthened more. Instead of giving control to the private players, the Government needs to regulate the market in a more efficient manner. The inclusion of Sugar, Pulses and Edible Oil in the NFSA is highly recommended in this regard.



To ensure sustainable viability of the Fair Price Shop outlets, which is soon to be transformed into Jan Poshan Kendra, enhancement of Margin @ minimum Rs. 1.50/- per kg. is highly required. In order to do that, alternatively, to reduce the pressure on Government exchequer, this amount can be realised from the beneficiaries.

To ensure ease of access of the beneficiaries, The highly utilizable Schemes of the Central Govt. like PM Wani, Common Service Center, Aadhaar Service Center, Jan Poshan Kendra, Jan Ausadhi Kendra Sale of postal items, Mudra Loan, Advance by Small Industries Development Bank of India(SIDBI) etc. may be mandatorily implemented in all FPS outlets across the Country. On one hand, this will make Govt Schemes more accessible to each and every Citizen of India, on the other, it will financially support the non-viable FPS Dealers across the Country. Unfortunately, however, almost all the State Govt. are showing reluctant attitude in implementing these Schemes.

It is relevant to mention here that the struggle of foodgrain producers who are normally classified as farmers, producers or cultivators are in surface. We should and we must realise the feeling, the actual situation which is being reflected and exposed on struggle platforms all over India. They are not struggling for their profit or existence but actually for "Food for All" movement across the Country which may be termed as "Starvation Death" ultimately. Concerning issue of Food & Food Distribution we are to estimate the problem upcoming and remedy to a considerable extent, keeping in mind the present status of production (foodgrains), storage and consumption ratio considering the population increasement. We believe our Govt., we mean the Govt. of India will discuss and analyse the problem to find out the rationale conclusion to handle the situation in true perspective. Our competent Administrative Units including NITI Aavog is competent enough to do so.

To arrest the price-hike in the open market and at the same time to make the Fair Price Shops viable to some extent, we would like to propose to distribute Rice & Wheat under the OMSS (Domestic) Scheme to all the Beneficiaries according to their food habits possessing Ration-cards or not, maintaining separate Stocks and the Stock Registers and a Shop wise Master Roll containing (1) Serial No., (2) Name of Beneficiary, (3) Mobile No., (4) Signature/LTI of the recipient and will submit them in each and every month within the next 10 (ten) calendar days.

On behalf of All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation, we would take delivery from the FCI godowns and in turn will make Doorstep Delivery to all the Fair Price Shops for piecemeal distribution among the general public.



