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National Working Committee Meeting

Minutes of the meeting of the National Committee held on 05/11/2022 at "MUKTADHARA" Auditorium, Gole Market, New Delhi

Under the predetermined program, on 05/11/2022, an important meeting of the National Executive was held at "MUKTADHARA" Auditorium in Delhi under the Chairmanship of National Working President Shri Onkar Nath Jha. In this meeting, Representatives of 17 States attended and National office bearers of five States indicating the reasons for not being able to attend for various reasons, supported the decisions and programs of the National Committee.

Today's meeting was addressed by the representatives of the States present and keeping the burning problems of the States along with the problems at the National level with the demand of the National Committee to take immediate steps :-

1. Assam – Shri Dharanidhar Borah, National Vice – President of the Federation

Mr. Borah said that there is a big problem of food distribution due to 2G Network availability of e-PoS machine at the National level as well as in his State. Less foodgrain is given in e-Pos despite having 5 kg foodgrain allotment. The State Government is contemplating to give licenses to the management of Tea gardens of Assam, which will take away the employment of 3,237 FPS Dealers. The payment of PMGKAY's commission has been stopped. The foodgrains are not supplied in the correct weighment from the godowns, but there is an allegation of giving less Foodgrains to the Beneficiaries by the FPS Dealers, which is sad, the National Committee should take action on it.

He also announced to always support the National Committee from the Assam Unit and to convene a meeting of the National Committee in Assam soon.

2. Bihar – Janab Ramjan Ali Ansari, Senior Vice – President of the Federation

Janab Ansari said that at present, the work of the organization was like the "Tukde Tukde Gang" in Bihar which cannot be said to be right in the interest of the organization, everyone will have to unite and walk with the Federation under the able leadership of Basu Ji by making one goal. He said that in Bihar, FPS Dealers are facing problems such as reduction in allocation, non-payment of commission along with the problem of e-PoS server, to resolve which we should now decide on the options of agitation / strike etc. at the National level. He clearly said that either we oppose or support the Government completely, then only our importance will come to the fore, Bihar State supports all the resolutions passed by the National Committee and always stands firmly with the National Federation,

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3. BTDA – Assam, Shri Deben Chandra Boro, National Vice – President of the Federation

Shri Boro said that our organization has always been participating in all the programs of the Federation, we are also recognized by the National Committee and our organization is committed to work closely with the Assam unit. Our National General Secretary has been informed about the meeting of the executive. Despite the completion of the Aadhaar seeding, names many of the beneficiary is missing, which is causing problems, there is also a problem due to non-availability of NRC. He also said that in Assam we will continue to work together to strengthen the organization. He also informed the House that a Court Case has been filled before the Hon'ble High Court against the decision of their State Govt. to withdraw Licences of the Fair Price Shop Dealers having less than 50 Ration Cards.

4. Delhi – Shri Shiv Kumar Garg, National Vice – President of the Federation

He said that at the National level, we did a lot of agitations, protest demonstrations, but the problems of our States and other States are not ending. In my opinion, till the distribution is not stopped, the Government will not understand.

In Delhi, when we made a complete closure, the Government increased our commission, in the same way, if the FPS Dealers of the States also show solidarity, if they successfully stop the distribution, then the Government will be bound to increase the commissions. They evaded the allowance of the Handling Loss by the States, to keep the commission arrears, to get rid of the problem of e – PoS server at the National level, demanding to set a program at the National level. He said that we are not able to provide facilities to the Beneficiaries, we are sorry for it. He talked about giving full cooperation to the National Committee.

It was also said that after December, when the quantity of Foodgrains decrease and there will be a decrease in the income of the Dealers, then we will face a big economic crisis, to deal with such situations, it is necessary to take the next step after considering it at the National level. He also suggested to request Union Food Ministry to stop double transactions in a month. He also apprised that in Delhi on month's backlog is running.

5. Haryana – Shri Shishpal Godara, National Vice – President of the Federation

Shri Shishpal Godara said describing today's meeting as very important. He urged for a solution at the National level to eliminate the problems related to biometrics throughout the Country and said that the problem has also arisen due to running of two portals in Haryana. He strongly advocated and demanded to raise demands from National Committee for upgrading 2G to 5G network. He clearly said that the amount of hard work that the National Committee is doing and works for all the Dealers of the Country without any resources, our heads bow down because of some people, for such people we do not need to waste time.

He also said that due to "One Nation One Ration Card", it is necessary to allocate foodgrains according to the demand by some State Govts., especially the States of Delhi, Haryana are affected by this, so efforts should be made by the National Committee for additional allocation in those States where the arrival of migrant laborers is high.

He further said that no matter how much the commission increases, we should have a permanent income, which at present can be relieved even if it is in the proportion proposed by the Gujarat Govt. (Rs. 20,000/- per month per FPS), he said that the All India Federation is constantly engaged in its work, therefore, the State of Haryana is always with the Federation.

6. Jharkhand – Shri Onkar Nath Jha, National Working – President of the Federation

He attacked the lax policies of the State Govts. on giving one kg per quintal of Handling Loss

on the foodgrains received from the warehouses, with the server system being taken seriously at the National level also upgradation of the e-PoS devices. Expressing outrage over the deduction being made in the monthly allotments, the demands of its investigation by the Union Govt. were kept in abeyance. He was requested to submit a Report in detail about the diversion of stocks from NFSA to State Govt. Green Cards.

He said that they are getting complaints from their State as well as from other States that some scams are happening between the offtake of PMGKAY foodgrains from FCI and the delivery in the State's godowns. It will be considered for next action.

He said that for the Dealers of the Country, it is necessary to make the next effort for a fixed income which is on the pattern of Gujarat and according to the demands of the National Committee, and again today it is necessary to take a decision on the outline of a big-decisive movement, said that all the Dealers of Jharkhand have full faith in the National Committee and we will all unite and strengthen the movement.

He appealed to the office – bearers of the Federation of all the States to cooperate financially by collecting only Re. 1/- per Dealer per month to make a Movement fund and appealed to submit the same in the Bank Account of the West Bengal unit for the time being.

7. Jammu & Kashmir – Shri Abdul Rahim Shah, National Vice – President of the Federation

He emphasized on increasing the commission across the Country, setting the policy for honorarium and putting pressure on the State Govt. and Govt. of India to implement the Handling Loss allowance which is a reality in place.

He complained about non-receipt of commission, on upgradation of e – PoS machine, non-receipt of paper roll cost as well as non-receipt of unloading charges. He also said that we should focus on fixing honorarium on the lines of Gujarat. Though the amount Rs. 20,000/- is very meagre. Efforts should be made to pay half the dues of the commission, for this also we have given all the information to the Secretary to the Government of India who is in the legal process, the work of opening CSC centre in Jammu & Kashmir is going on, there are some problems which need to be resolved.

8. Kerala – Shri Arvind Babu, National Secretary of the Federation

He gave his address in Malayalam language which is alien to many. He was instructed to translate Malayalam words into English and post them to the National Committee.

9. Maharashtra – Shri D. N. Patil, National Vice – President of the Federation

Shri D. N. Patil describing the problems of e – PoS and server as a National problem, he said that there is a lot of trouble in the State of Maharashtra and the distribution percentage has been reduced. He also said that even after the arrival of 4G, it is not possible to get rid of it. It is necessary to think about getting rid of it.

He said that those who get more commission remain silent and those who get less are the ones who make a ruckus, said that there is more trouble from the Dealers above 60 years of age.

He requested that a suggestion should come from all over India for a fixed income, he apprised that, collecting electricity bills in Maharashtra, home tax through Fair Price Shop has been started under CSC. The order has been given by the State Govt. In Maharashtra, the Dealers who do the right things get the right grains, the wrong doers get upset.

He said that the State of Maharashtra has always been with the Federation and we will always be together in future also.

10. Nagaland – Mr. Meijiang Gonemel, National Vice – President of the Federation

He said that there is a problem of server, e-PoS in all the States, it is necessary to consider all the measures to increase the viability of PDS Dealers, all the Govts. on the server say that this is a problem of N.I.C. - then why it is not fixed?

The main issue is that how much we “DHARNA”, demonstrate but the Govt. is not giving us our due, for the first time we got Rs. 20/- per quintal for the plains and in hill area Rs. 37/- per quintal rise, announced CSC, LPG, but this will not increase our income substantially, we have to agitate by making a new policy, the allocation is received late, there is a problem with the Beneficiaries. Even in the hill area, sugar, edible oil, pulses etc. are not available, our commission due in 2019 – 20 is 17 crores, 2020-21 is 19 crores. The National Committee should pay attention to this and resolve our financial difficulties. We appreciate the work of all the State Federations of Hill Area and we will all be in the movement together. He demanded to stop distribution of Tide Over allocations through Public representatives, that should be routed through FPS.

11. Odisha – Shri Nagendra Jena, National Vice – President of the Federation

He said that the Odisha Govt. is working on PDS in our State. Wants to abolish it, has issued an order not to renew the license of any Private Ration Dealers after March 2022, appealing to the friends of all the states, he said that all should protect us. We are not getting commission, our children will have to starve, in such circumstances we have come to the position of approaching the High Court and Supreme Court, our Dealers are in pathetic condition, request the Federation to help us,

12. Rajasthan – Shri Sewaram Ji, National Organization Secretary of the Federation

He said that the problem of network and e – PoS remains in our state too. We do not owe any commission, before the budget of the State Govt., we are preparing loudly to present our demands on behalf of the state committee. The State of Rajasthan has always been working step by step with the Federation and whatever resolutions are passed today, Rajasthan is with it. He suggested that Fair Price Shop Dealers should be treated as Govt. employee.

13. Telangana – Shri Naikoti Raju, National Vice – President of the Federation

4G is operational in Telangana, we give ration comfortably to 200 – 400 beneficiaries a day, every month we get paid commission. Within December – January our Govt. is going to give us a lot, five lakh insurance to us by the Govt., we have demanded ten lakhs. Our Govt. is in our favour now and has said that Telangana Dealers are given more facilities than all other States. He said that we are with the decision of the Federation. He also requested to convene a National Working Committee Meeting at Hyderabad.

14. Uttar Pradesh – Shri Rajesh Tiwari, National Vice – President of the Federation

He said that 100% Aadhaar seeding has been done in Uttar Pradesh. There is a problem in e – PoS but the sale is not interrupted. The amount of commission is pending in the State, we are not able to get e – PoS, we are with the decision of the Federation regarding server problem and commission in all the States of the Country and a fixed income. We want that all Dealers should have equal fixed income, if any policy is made on the lines of Gujarat, we will welcome it but the amount should be Rs 50,000/- per month. He said that we know that the State Govt. is not giving us anything, whatever we get, only the Central Government can give it and this is also a Central scheme, we do not get the tare of the bags in the foodgrains supplied, we need to get the Handling Loss. The State was always with Shri Basu Ji and the Federation is and will be, whatever resolutions are passed today, we will follow them. He apprised that in Uttar Pradesh near about 40% of the FPS families have been representing in Panchayat.

15. Punjab – Shri Karamjit Singh, National Assistant – Secretary of the Federation

Punjab Govt. had implemented Doorstep delivery which was withdrawn. Punjab wants that the policy of “One Ration – One Commission” should be implemented in the whole Country, now we had to have a meeting with the Punjab Govt., which has not been done due to the busy schedule of the Chief Minister due to the elections, since ten months we have not got our commission. Our National Committee is requested to approve and give recognition to our new committee in Punjab so that we can strengthen the organization in Punjab, Punjab will always be with the National Federation,

16. Uttarakhand – Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi, Working – President of Uttarakhand State

He giving serious light to the pathetic condition of Uttarakhand, he said that Uttarakhand is full of problems due to the problems of Internet and e – PoS, in the circumstances of not being able to supply foodgrains through e – PoS there is a cut of foodgrains. Due to the geographical conditions there Doorstep delivery does not work successfully, throws the food grains on the middle mountains, which even in today’s era we have to lift foodgrains by horses and mules resulting in have to pay more amount for transportation. He said that the National Committee should think specially about this State, we also want to sell other items in Ration Shops for our livelihood, for that also the National Committee should think and guide us. Initiative should be taken to get the consumer goods which are less than the market rate. He also assured that Uttarakhand always wants to work with the national Federation and is ready to cooperate in every way. He demanded that the Hill areas of their State should be treated as Special Category.

17. West Bengal – Janab Nasim Hossain Halder, National Secretary of the Federation

He said that West Bengal is like a role model, the credit of which goes to our National General Secretary. In our State, the commission is updated after distribution goes to everyone’s account, now we get 200 grams of Handling Loss per quintal, which we are trying to increase, the problem of biometrics is a common problem, which we try to fix through our organization office. Let us get it fixed, after linking with Aadhaar, the problem has increased, which I request to the National Committee to remove it. Licence is transferred here on medical & compassionate ground. There is no age limit for this, advance lifting in our State prevails. There is a provision of, bad foodgrains is replacement in our State, best quality of foodgrain is supplied, there is no compromise, festival packages are given twice a year on festivals, in which Flour, Sugar, Bengal Gram (chana), Mustard Oil, Palmolein Oil, etc. are supplied, to maintain the strength of the organization, meetings are held every month at the Block, District and State Level, all the Dealers of Bengal have got the death claim approval of **Rs. 2 Lakhs (Rupees two lakhs)** only.

18. West Bengal – Shri Biswambhar Basu, National General Secretary of the Federation

Address of the National General Secretary, Shri Biswambhar Basu while addressing the meeting of the National Committee. He considered the biggest problem in the first order of his address, the lack of servers, told a lewd joke with eighty crore people of the Country and five lakhs thirty seven thousand people and said that the whole Country is fighting/struggling with it. There is a complaint of the Dealers, when such a problem comes in any shop, they have to fight with the beneficiary, we cannot remain silent on such situations. So, the Govt. of India will have to take a decision that on the day the server is down, an alternative system should be made for distribution of food by putting only Aadhar numbers. In case of mis – match of thumb through e – PoS, a system of giving Ration by putting in Aadhar No. should be made.

During the previous UPA Govt.’s formation of National Food Security Act, I had participated in eight meetings and had proposed one Nation, one Ration & double commission for the Hill & North – Eastern States, had also proposed separately for hill area, our Some demands were accepted, yes, we could not fulfil their demands in the general category, because we are sad that the Dealers of that area are instructed to give Geographic Account as also shadow zone, if there be any.

If the list of network is not working in the remote areas of any State where the network is not working, we will be given an order to give manual Ration, this system is applicable in some areas of West Bengal. Terming the issue of reduction in allotment as wrong, he said that Ration is given against Ration Card, those who are getting less, they should bring the facts to the National Committee with full proof, it will be resolved. If the Govt. itself is doing a scam in giving ration, like the case of Jharkhand has come, where there is a possibility of ration diversion in the green card, after bringing it before the National Committee with full evidence, we will take it with the CAG. We need to know why the shortfall happened in PMGKAY or NFSA and how much food the Government has procured from its own resources under the Green Card scheme.

This is a serious matter which is being monitored by the Federation. He said that the Federation spends ten times more than what the Dealers of the country co – operate with the Federation.

In a meeting of a National Federation, lakhs of rupees are spent by levying transportation expenses in addition to stationery expenses along with auditorium expenses, breakfast and food expenses. The minimum monthly income guarantee per FPS @ Rs. 50,000/- per month of the different States need to look into. How the Federation will handle the works without funds? The Federation has geared up on providing a minimum income to the Dealers of the Country though it has come to us that the Gujarat Govt. is going to decide a minimum income guarantee of Rs. 20,000/-. He said that, he is concerned that as the policy of the Central Government is going on, there may be a shortage of foodgrains in the Ration Shops in the coming times, we may have to face a situation of dependence on coarse grains, some.

All the State Committee have been requested to prepare a Profit & Loss A/c. by the duly authorised Chartered Accountant of their respective States and send their to Head Office within November 2022.

Bihar, Jharkhand, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh State Units have been requested to arrange State – Level meetings in their respective States within this year.

Companions are demanding to be declared Government servant, on which I request all the responsible Leaders of the National Committee to seriously consider, because, in Tamil Nadu, the sixty years old is asked to retire, transfer, work in other cities, which our colleagues from other States cannot do, Tamil Nadu Dealers are on the verge of destruction, such information is being received,

He said that we can also consider approaching the Supreme Court if needed. I have got an appointment with the Chairman of the Standing Committee of Parliament on November 8, where we will try our best to place our problems, we will place the resolutions being passed today in front of the **new Union Food Secretary of the Govt. of India, Shri Sanjeev Chopra Ji**, we would like one representative from all the States to participate in this. Where is the CSC being implemented, where are the difficulties being faced, each State should send its report to the National Committee as soon as possible.

We strongly oppose the way in Odisha there has been a conspiracy to terminate the Licences of Dealers there, we stand with each and every Dealer of Odisha, we are going to the Court.

I heard that many of our Dealers have become public representatives and Ministers in Uttar Pradesh, from whom we need to take cooperation, if possible, our meeting should be organized with them.

We would like to say to the Comrades of different organizations doing different work in all the States that the goal of the Federation is the same as yours, then why are the paths different? Together we can fight the battle by making the organization stronger.

He said that Uttarakhand should inform us after selecting the materials for PD items, we will co – operate with them.

We want that the Dealers of the Country should make a habit of slowly keeping consumer goods in their shops on the lines of shopping malls, surely it will benefit the Dealers.

The Govt. of India had entrusted the responsibility of deciding the policy for Handling Loss, but the State Govt. is not paying attention to it, which is unfortunate, we will again put it before the Government of India.

Preparations are being made to make 75 Shops as Model Shops in all the States of the Country. He said that, Federation meeting is going to be held with ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK.

The States for which the amount of commission is due – send it to us with details, we should be informed about the problem on the double portal.

The State in which there is a shortage of food grains, why it is there, since when it should be given in detail to the National Committee.

The problems of Doorstep delivery are coming from the States, along with the evidence, it should be informed to the National Committee, the Federation will take strict action on this issue,

Doorstep delivery is responsible for weighing the food grains.

He requested to House to arrange an exclusive meeting for the North – Eastern States at Guwahati.

To submit details of Arrear Margins account, if any.

To inform the details of Shadow Zones in the States, where Network is not at all workin.

He proposed to give a New Year Gift to the Govt. of India in 2023.

All India Federation is going to give an ultimatum till 31st December 2022 for other demands along with three major demands, if action is not taken on those demands,

- **On 2nd January 2023 picketing demonstration at all Block Level.**
- **On 16th January 2023 picketing demonstrations at all District Headquarters.**
- **State Level Agitation in the Capital of all the States on 24th January 2023.**
- **On 1st February 2023, a tremendous program in Delhi at the National Level.**

Our three main demands :-

- 1) Upgrade e-PoS device to 4G and 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.
- 2) Implement Handling Loss in all States.
- 3) Fixed income of Rs.50,000/- per month, or fix honorarium as per the proposal of Gujarat Govt.

****Today's Organizational Decision :**

- 1) National President Shri Pushpa Raj Deshmukh Ji (Kaka) was given three months' time to give health related information – he has resigned, we respect him.
- 2) In the last meeting Shri D. N. Patil was accepted as the National President which he wants it to be announced in Maharashtra. All the members in the house will decide it, but they did not agree, on this. The House requested Shri Patil to convene a National Level Meeting at Maharashtra within December 2022.
- 3) The House entrusted Shri Onkar Nath Jha, Working President to officiate the post of National President, although Shri Patil said that he would accept the post of National President from January 2023.
- 4) The National General Secretary said that till the next decision, Shri Onkar Nath Jha will officiate the responsibility of the National President, he has fixed the date till December 2022.
- 5) In the end, both the leaders of Jammu and Kashmir have been advised to end the dispute, it was said to avoid disputes in other States as well.
- 6) The State of Punjab was directed to send the list of State Committees to the National Committee for recognition.

****Induction in the National Executive Committee :**

Today (1) **Shri Barun Kumar Singh from Bihar, Patna**, (2) **Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh from Khagaria, Jharkhand** (3) **Shri Rajendra Prasad Sah from Dumka, Jharkhand**, (4) **Janab Abdus Salam from Pakur, Jharkhand**, (5) **Shri Pramod Kumar Gupta from Jamshedpur, Jharkhand** to the National Working Committee of the All India Federation.

Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi from Uttarakhand has been elevated as **Assistant Secretary** in the National Federation.

As requested by Mr. Johny Nellore, Vice – President of the Federation, **Mr. Johnson Vilavinal** has also been inducted as **Assistant Secretary** in the National Committee.

As requested by Shri Sewaram Ji, National Organization Secretary of the Federation, **Shri Madan Gurjar from Bundi, Rajasthan** has been inducted as **National Working Committee** Member in the National Federation.

It was resolved that henceforth a Leader from **All BTR FPS Dealers' & Agents' Association** will grace the Dias. An Affiliation Certificate will be issued to **All Assam FPS Dealers' Association** as prayed for.

****Other vital decisions & informations :**

Today's National Committee unanimously accepted Shri Pushpa Raj Kaka Ji as the patron of the Federation, also.

On the special proposal of the National General Secretary, the former Union Food Secretary, Shri Sudhanshu Pandey ji, as the co-advisor of the All India Federation, was approved by the House by voice vote.

In the course of the presidential address, the working president urged the members present to start preparing for the movement from the wake itself.

Shri Biswambhar Basu, National General Secretary informed the House that Aadhar biometrics data can be updated every 10 (ten) years by UIDAI.

Govt. may sell surplus Wheat stock to tranches to check Atta prices.

The National Committee will soon file all the resolutions passed today as an ultimatum.

The conclusion of today's National Committee meeting was with the recitation of the National Anthem.

Today's Pre - Budget Meeting Expenses :-

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Auditorium Booking	20,000.00
Decorator	2,200.00
Food	32,000.00
Flex	650.00
Meeting Writing Pad	Expenses incurred by West Bengal State Unit
Xerox	
Total	Rs. 54,850.00

ONKAR NATH JHA
President of the Meeting