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## Minutes of the Exclusive Meeting of the North – Eastern States

In the light of an important decision of the National Executive, a Nationwide campaign is going on to create awareness among all the members of the Federation for organizational discussions and upcoming programs in the States of the Country, under which, after Odisha, Maharashtra, the North East States will organize a Grand Conference which was successfully organized on 18.12.2022 – this campaign will continue in all other States.

The Conference in Guwahati provided an opportunity to the revolutionary comrades from the Hill Areas - Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura to present their views, the problems of the North – Eastern States have come to the force, which the Central Committee is serious about.

In the meeting held under the aegis of All Assam Fair Price Shop Dealers Association, the announcement was made mainly after considering the following topics:

- 1. Distribution through e PoS to all the valid Raton Cards has become difficult because of the Server often remaining down and frequent non availability of Network. Under such contingencies, we should not refuse or harass any beneficiary but may distribute Ration by inserting Aadhar Nos. in e PoS through an unautomated transaction.
- 2. It has been decided to clear all dues of NFSA / PMGKAY in North Eastern States. Payment from December 2015 to March 2019 @ Rs. 42/90 to be reimbursed to the FPS Dealers of Assam. It has also been decided that in case of non payment of such arrear, we should move before the Hon'ble High Court at Guwahati.
- 3. In addition to NFSA / PMGKAY, pressure will be created on the Government of India to continue Sugar for AAY beneficiaries and other items as before in the North Eastern States,
- 4. A meeting will be held shortly with the Assam and Darjeeling units to solve the Tea Garden related issues.
- 5. Pressure is being created for early implementation of "Handling Loss" in the entire Country including all the North Eastern States, more speed will be given to it. In fact, only in West Bengal, the Dealers are being allowed Handling Loss @ 200 grams per quintal w.e.f. August 2022
- 6. As soon as possible, we should arrange an Exclusive Meeting with the Union Food Ministry regarding the problems of the North Eastern States.
- 7. It was decided that all the States should divide their average offtakes by the total number of Ration Shops in the State multiplying the average offtake by the per quintal Commission,

deducting the total amount of expenditures from the remaining amount. Considering the amount to be the average monthly income. The Dealers are requested to send it to our Head-Office within this year, which will be handed over to the Hon'ble Prime Minister through our National Chief Advisor, Hon'ble MP, Prof. Saugata Roy Ji reflecting the total income so that a monthly minimum income guarantee of Rs. 50,000/- may be ensured.

- 8. If the State Govts. ignore our legitimate demand for enhancing the Commission, a Court Cases may be filled before the respective Hon'ble High Courts by each State Unit.
- 9. In case of Blocked Cards, it was advised that a list of blocked / flagged cards should be prepared to move before the Hon'ble High Court by filling a Public Interest Legitimate Case. For this purpose, we should collect (1) screen shot from e PoS being reflected as "Blocked" (2) Xerox copies of concerned Ration Card and the Aadhar Card.
- 10. Announcing all the above decisions, the National General Secretary expressed gratitude to Shri Tokeheho Yepthomi, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Nagaland for raising the questions related to "Tide Over Allocation" of Nagaland in Lok Sabha on 14.12.2022.
- 11. The House expressed profuse gratitude to our Chief Advisor & Hon'ble MP., Prof Saugata Roy for kindly taking up the issue of de privatisation of Fair Price Shops with the Hon'ble Union Food Minister as also to extend the PMGKAY Scheme with the Hon'ble Prime Minister.
- 12. To strengthen the organization of the North East State, a Zonal Committee was announced by the National General Secretary from the forum, which is as follows: -
  - Zonal: President: Shri Dharani Dhar Borah (Assam).
  - Zonal Working President :- Janab Anwar Khan (Meghalaya), Shri Gunjan Borah (Assam)
  - Zonal Vice President :- Mr. Bengia Vijay (Arunachal Pradesh)
  - Zonal Secretary: Mr. Mejiang Gonmel (Nagaland)
  - Zonal Organization Secretary :- Mr. Bamang Apa (Arunachal Pradesh), Smt. PC Lalthakim (Mizoram), Mr. Hari Narayan Dutta (Assam)
  - Zonal Treasurer :- Mr. Bishnu Das (Assam)
  - Zonal Office will function from the following address till an Office being arranged at Guwahati:
    - Shri Bishnu Das c/o. Bishnu Store, Paan Bazar, G. N. B. Road, Guwahati 781 001.

Addressing today's meeting, National Working President Mr. Onkar Nath Jha highlighting the activities of the Federation, emphasized on the solidarity of all the States and assured them of solving their problems.

In the meeting, the representatives of all the North – Eastern States were also instructed to participate in the Virtual Meeting to be held on 23.12.2022 as per schedule.

The Conference was presided over by Assam State President Shri Dharnidhar Bora. The meeting was also addressed by National Vice – President Mr. Mejiang Gonmel, Janab Anwar Khan, Shri Gunjan Bora, Shri Bengia Vijay, Mrs. PC Lalthakim along with other office bearers from all the States.

The Meeting ended with thanks to and from the Chair.

DHARANI DHAR BORAH
President of the Meeting

BISWAMBHAR BASU National General Secretary