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MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING OF 25/01/2022

A virtual meeting was conducted from our Kolkata Head Office in two sessions – first from 11-00 am to 2-00 pm and second from 4-00 pm to 6-30 pm with 2 hours break in between.

The National President of All India Fair Price Shop Dealers Federation, **Shri Pushparaj Deshmukh (Kaka)** presided.

Shri Onkar Nath Jha (Jharkhand) – Working President, All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation, while addressing the meeting said that a delegation of All India Fair Price Shop Dealers Federation under the leadership of National General Secretary Shri Biswambhar Basu on 20th and 21st January 2022, had a successful dialogue with the Union Food Secretary and Economic Adviser, made efforts to carry forward positive dialogue with the management officers of NAFED and this effort is auspicious for the livelihood and employment of five lakh thirty four thousand PDS Dealers of the country.

He said that the state govts. do not execute on time the orders sent by the Central Govt. to the state govts. The Federation with their constant efforts, for this, the state organizations and state units of all the states will have to be active. Apprised about the commencement of registration of CSC in the State of Jharkhand, he said that the ration dealers of the state are very excited about this scheme, in the same way the LPG cylinders, which will now be available at subsidized rates, will also help the consumers of the country and the state. And the dealers are very excited.

These efforts of All India Federation will definitely increase the income of FPS dealers.

He appealed to the State Presidents of all the States and the Officials of the Central Committee that all together the National Federation appealed to everyone to cooperate financially with the National Federation so that our National Federation can be facilitated in performing its work. He said that the state of Jharkhand is ready to cooperate first and always assures service and cooperation from the side of the state of Jharkhand.

The officials who mentioned the problems of their states and gave important suggestions :-

1. **Shri Dharanidhar Bora, Assam, National Vice – President** Raised the issue of commission being given less than the commission fixed by the centre in the state and expressed his feelings of cooperation to the organization and assured to always be with the national organization.

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Shri Deben Chandra Boro, Assam, National Vice – President apprised the Central Committee about the corruption happening at the block level of his state.

2. **Shri Dayanand Prasad, Bihar, National Secretary** raised the issue of indifferent attitude of the State Government of Bihar. Accusing the state government of not being serious towards the ration shopkeepers and making fools by giving false assurances of increase in the commission of FPS Dealers, seriously put the functioning and apathy of the Govt. before the national committee and take concrete steps against the government in Bihar. He sought the guidance of the Central Committee regarding this and also raised the issue of unsolicited fee being charged by the so-called officer.
3. **Shri Vijay Kumar Dhritalhare, Chhattisgarh** taking the issue of exploitation of ration dealers seriously, mentioned that the State Government is arbitrarily giving only ₹ 30 commission instead of the ₹ 70 quintal commission fixed by the Central Gov. that too with a lot of delay, while the state government itself is keeping ₹ 40 with itself, the ration dealers of Chhattisgarh state are being exploited a lot, which is not tolerable at all. Not there.

Laxminia Uike, Women State President, Chhattisgarh raised the issue of operation of ration shops by male FPS Dealers as well as female FPS Dealers in all the states and demanded from the National Executive that women should also participate in the organization. Opportunity should be given and women and men ration dealers should get a chance to work together and women should be given a place in the national organization on the same lines as men from each state are represented in the national committee and women should be given equal status in the states too. Suggested to be given an opportunity to participate in.

Shri Ram Dev Sinha, National Vice – President sought the guidance of the national organization to meet the Hon'ble Chief Minister of his Chhattisgarh state soon and to keep the problems of his Chhattisgarh state and expressed deep concern over the inequality of commission in the State and demanded to implement a commission in the whole country.

4. **Shri Shishpal Godara, Haryana, National Vice – President**, while appreciating the efforts being made by the organization, thanked the national organization and demanded to ensure the participation of youth in the organization and stressed on the special attention to the inactive people in the organization He called upon the representatives and office – bearers of different states of the country to play an active role in the national organization and bring forth the youth from each state and each state unit to establish strong organizations in their state. Build, emphasize on giving priority to youth and women in each state and national organization cooperate with every state and national organization with all your heart and soul. Requested the national organization to take forward the project of NAFED, because by doing additional work through this type of project, there is every possibility of increasing the income of FPS dealers.
5. **Shri M. Venkatrao, National Vice – President and Janab Kalimulla, Andhra Pradesh** expressed deep concern about the State Mobile Depot Unit (MDU), raised the demand for monthly honorarium to the FPS Dealers, stating that they should be given monthly honorarium and requested the national organization that Andhra Pradesh Citing

the violation of the rules of NFSA 2013, expressed the desire for guidance to file a petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and called upon all the ration dealers of the country to agitate together.

6. **Shri Gurjinder Singh Sidhu, Punjab, National Vice – President** raised the issue of the Punjab Government giving only ₹ 50 per quintal commission out of ₹ 70 per quintal fixed by the Centre under NFSA 2013 and despite several demands, the Govt. is indifferent attitude prevails. Raising the demand of getting ₹ 70 commission like other states, questioned the functioning of the state Govt. of Punjab.
7. **Shri Girish Tiwari, Uttar Pradesh, National Secretary** said that despite making a lot of efforts, mentioned the apathy of the government and said that the ration dealer is being exploited to the fullest in a big state like Uttar Pradesh. It is very difficult to survive in today's inflation in ₹70 quintal commission.

Shri Rajesh Tiwari, National Vice – President told the organization that In Uttar Pradesh, the State Govt. did not pay any attention to the PDS Dealers. The Kotedars of all of Uttar Pradesh are angry and there is a lot of anger among the Kotedars against the Govt., due to which the Samajwadi Party Govt. is going to be formed in Uttar Pradesh, on this, the General Secretary advised Mr. Akhilesh Yadav to hold a meeting with the Kotedars at the earliest.
8. **Com. Chandrakant Yadav, Maharashtra** suggested to the national organization to make a big movement, in which ration dealers and license holders from all over the country should come on the streets to express their anger and ask the government to strengthen the PDS system in the whole country.

Appreciating the working style of the National Executive, **Shri D. N. Patil, National Vice – President** assured that whole of Maharashtra to always cooperate with the National Organization and demanded a big movement from the National Organization in which Maharashtra's full cooperation and make a demand for Handling Loss. He also assured full cooperation by Maharashtra in filing the petition in the Hon'ble Supreme Court in case of non-compliance of the demand.

Shri Rajesh Ambuskar, National Secretary appealed to all the delegates to participate enthusiastically to strengthen the national organization.
9. **Shri Jyotidhar Singh, Telengana** thanking the National Organization for the efforts being made by the National Organization, suggested using all types of social media platforms for the promotion of the National Organization.
10. **Janab Abdul Rahim Shah, Jammu and Kashmir, National Vice – President** raised the issue of not being given the commission and apprised the national organization about the problems of Jammu and Kashmir. Demanded from the Central that uniform commission should be implemented in all the states. Taken seriously referring to the struggle with the Govt., he said that the leaders of the ration dealers are being harassed by the government under political malice, but our struggle will continue.

Raising the issue of factionalism of the organization in Jammu and Kashmir, **Janab Sabir** made serious allegations of ignoring the youth and demanded from the national organization that a meeting of the national executive should be called in Jammu and Kashmir in which all of us ration dealers of Jammu and Kashmir should join with the national organization. And he demanded from the organization that bypassing the demand of commission, only the demand for salary and honorarium should be raised so that all the ration dealers get the security of employment and urged the national organization that the senior leaders of the organization of Jammu and Kashmir should also be given to the youth. Demanded to take them along so that the pressure of ration shopkeepers can be put on the government.

11. **Mr. Meijiang Gonmeil, National Vice – President, Nagaland** while apprising the national organization about the problem of outstanding commission of his state, accused the Nagaland government of not paying attention to the problems of the ration dealer and sought guidance from the national organization.
12. **Janab Anwar Khan, National Vice – President, Meghalaya** praising the national organization in his statement, raised the demand for not giving full commission under NFSA 2013 in his state and demanded from the organization to prepare the framework of a big movement and thanked the National General Secretary for the steps being taken by the organization in the interest of the ration dealers.
13. **Shri Rajiv Murari, Uttarakhand** informed that the Uttarakhand government is exploiting the FPS Dealers a lot, whatever amount is released by the Central and State Govt. for commission, it is used by the department for other items and the commission is issued late. In view of the dire circumstances of Corona, biometric authentication has been banned in all departments while the lives of ration dealers are being deliberately put in danger. Taking cognizance of this, the national organization should insist on the demand for an alternative arrangement.
14. **Shri Rajesh Thakur, Himachal Pradesh** elaborated the positive conversation with the government and informed that the Himachal Govt. has given an assurance to increase the commission in sugar to Rs.50 and the Govt. has also given an assurance to give empty gunny bags to the FPS Dealers.

Shri Harish Kumar Sippi demanded serious consideration of the Himachal Pradesh government to implement welfare policies for ration dealers and said that the organization is working strongly in Himachal Pradesh. The suggestion was put before the national organization that a strong policy should be formulated for ration dealers in Himachal.
15. **Shri Bharat Dave ji, Madhya Pradesh** took seriously the issue of dictatorship of the state government of Madhya Pradesh and exploitation of FPSDealers.
16. **Shri Dimple Kumar Sharma ji, Rajasthan, National Vice – President** thanking Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla ji for giving compensation amount of Rs 50 lakh on death due to corona for the ration dealers issued by the Rajasthan government and demanded from the national organization that this compensation amount the top leadership should consider implementing it for ration dealers across the country.

Appreciating the organization of Rajasthan, **Shri Sewaram ji** encouraged the youth workers of the organization and praised the work of **Shri Dimple Kumar Sharma ji**.

17. **Shri Nayikoti Raju, Telengana, National Vice – President** raised the problem of short payment of commission by the State Government in Telangana State and also called the non-payment of commission on time as a serious problem.

Shri K. Krishnamurthy, National Treasurer called upon all the states to financially strengthen the national organization and through Paytm & Kutumb App and appealed to all the states that the Central and State Governments do not take any positive decision on the issue of handling loss till February 15. So, our national organization should consider going to the Hon'able Supreme Court. In which all the states including Haryana, Jharkhand, Maharashtra assured the General Secretary of financial cooperation. the National Vice President **Shri Shishpal Godara ji**, the national organization was funded by online funding platforms like **Google – Pay (G-Pay), PhonePe** Supported the suggestion of making the national organization financially strong.

18. **The Leaders of Gujarat** also discussed about their State's problem in this Virtual Meeting.

Shri Biswambhar Basu ji, National General Secretary, All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation in his address, while giving details of the efforts made by the national organization, talked about the various achievements and the efforts made to increase the income of 5.34 lakh ration shopkeepers of the country.

I would like to tell all of you colleagues that a meeting was held in Delhi with the Central Secretary and the high officials of NAFED, in which many important issues were discussed in detail. are going to be implemented and which have been agreed between the national organization or have been indicated by the central authorities to full – fill, they are as follows:-

1. The commission of ration dealers is going to increase from April 1 all over the country (which is under consideration with the government)
2. The Central Government has promised to provide 1 kg of pulses, gram/ tur (tur)/ moong etc. and 1 ltr mustard oil at subsidized rate to 81 crore people under NFSA.
3. All the household items of Nafed will be given at concessional rates through PDS ration shop.
4. The CSC centre has been linked with the ration shop.
5. The proposal to give 5 kg gas cylinder at subsidized rate will be approved.
6. It has been decided to sell Mother Dairy products such as milk, butter, paneer, ice cream and all types of milk products at 50% subsidized rate through ration depot holders.
7. All state governments have been written for handling loss (in case of non-acceptance, a case will be filed in the Supreme Court)
8. To get the ration dealers across the country a compensation of 50 lakhs to the ration dealer who died due to corona in the country. It will be considered to go to the Supreme Court to get the ration dealers of the country.

9. CSP (Customer Service Point) of Punjab National Bank will be provided to the ration shopkeepers of the whole country.

National President's address **Shri Pushparaj Deshmukh (Kaka)**, while praising the National General Secretary, today thanked the General Secretary for giving recognition to the organization in the whole country and today 5.34 lakh ration shopkeepers of the country with the organization as a successful leadership. Congratulating him for the courageous act of joining as a family, he said that our popular leader Shri Biswambhar Basu Ji is doing a very good job, he is working with all the FPS Dealers of the country. All the FPS dealers of the country should work side by side with them. The FPS Dealers of the whole country will always be indebted to him as hard as Dada is doing.

All the above demands have been accepted by the Central Government, for which the entire credit goes to the respected General Secretary Mr. Bishwambhar Basu ji and the national top leadership. We thank the National General Secretary, whose tiredless efforts have made all this possible.

The General Secretary has been empowered to reshuffle the Working Committee as and when necessary.

Pushparaj Deshmukh (Kaka)
National President