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Respected Shri Goyal Ji,

It has been reported that your Ministry has decided to do away with 2,78,533 Fair Price Shops under individual ownership and replace them by Self – Help Groups or Co – Operatives.

In the above perspective, I would earnestly request you kindly to re – consider the decision since the livelihood of 2,78,533 individual Fair Price Shops, members of their families, their employees with their families will lose their occupation and will have no other way but to be in the street with begging bowls in hand.

May I humbly suggest that the decision may be applied in case of New Fair Price Shops excepting in case of appointment on compassionate grounds so that the intention may be reached gradually with affecting present incumbent.

It will also be impossible for them to find any alternative occupation as they do not have either the age or the knowledge.

I hope, you will most kindly give serious thought to my request.

with profuse regards,

Yours faithfully,

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