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## **Minutes of the Virtual Meeting, of the National Working Committee of All India Fair Price Shop Dealers' Federation held on 14/06/2023 (brief excerpts)**

Today on 24/06/2023 very important virtual meeting of National Working Committee of All India Federation with representatives of 20 States of the Country in two shifts – first shift from 11 am to 02 pm and second shift from 04 pm to 06 pm which was presided over by the National President Shri Kancham Krishnamurthy and conducted by the National General Secretary Shri Biswambhar Basu.

Addressing the meeting, the General Secretary said that :-

We are concerned about the future of the Dealers of all the States of the Country, we want that there should be a fixed source of income for all, there should be a fixed honorarium system for all, along with all the difficulties faced by all the Dealers on a daily basis which can be removed one by one. That is why our Federation has been continuously working to create pressure on the Government of India, in which the Federation is getting full support and cooperation from all the Dealers of the country.

He said that in this episode, the Federation has fixed two Historical programmes, which we should take a pledge to complete well to protect our existence.

One Day National Convention of All India Federation on **July 26, 2023 at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, Delhi**, in which representatives of all National and regional political parties, respected MPs of all Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha are invited along with the presence of Central Food Secretary, our Hon'ble Union Food and Public Distribution Minister, Shri Piyush Goyal Ji has been decided to get inaugurated, and efforts are on to implement it.

It will be a matter of great pleasure and pride that in the presence of selected 3,000 delegates from all the States of the Country and in the presence of Dealers at the National level, through this grand ceremony, the work of giving a clear message to the Government of India will be done that before the forthcoming 2024 Lok Sabha elections 5 lakh 38 thousand vendors of the country cannot be sidelined. The Govt. cannot ignore the reasonable demands of lakhs of vendors engaged in the implementation of the Govt.'s biggest masterstroke (National Food Security) scheme for 81 crore people of the Country because, it is the class that runs the scheme of the Government of India on the ground and is fighting hunger. They also discharge the responsibility of not even a single death.

The National General Secretary said that, if an attempt is made to suppress our voice even then, we will jam Delhi on **January 16, 2024** with more than one million Dealers and their employees at Ramlila Maidan and protest against the Government under the leadership of our Chief Advisor, Prof. Shri Saugata Roy alongwith 251 MPs. Along with this, we will do the work of giving a direct challenge to the government.

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Because, when we will not be listened to, we will be forced to stop the scheme at the National level and expose our exploitation on their vote politics and bring the Government's double policy in front of the public.

According to the decision taken by the National General Secretary from all the States before these programs, to complete the signature campaign for additional five kilos of food grains, along with sending the profit and loss account duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, the KYM forms containing photos of the delegates of 26th July, instructed to send it to the Head Office by the end of this month along with the fee.

He told in detail that on June 8, Before the Uttarakhand tour on all our pending demands were discussed with the Union Food Secretary, its minutes are being sent to you by post and have been given in groups, which should be read carefully.

There are clear indications to go for many important decisions in this, from which all the Dealers of the Country will be financially benefited in the coming times.

Before the start of the Monsoon Session, contact all the MPs who come from your area and give them a letter inviting them on 26th July and with a request to raise questions for us in the Parliament, photograph them and send them to the Head Office. Strict instructions have been given so that an atmosphere can be created in our favour in view of the Lok Sabha elections at the National level.

He also said that All India Federation is making all out effort to meet the Prime Minister of India Hon'ble Shri Narendra Modi ji with a delegation and we are sure that we will meet at the end of this month or any time of the next month. For this, we will be grateful to Federation's Chief Advisor, Prof. Saugata Roy, Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha and Prof. Pradip Bhattacharya, Hon'ble MP, Rajya Sabha.

The National General Secretary mentioned several States with the aim of making the organization of the States more sharp and putting the problems of the Dealers in front of the Government strongly, praising the program completed on June 5 of protesting on the road by the State of Jharkhand, Similarly, other States were also advised to go on the road and agitate for their demands to the government, said that the Union Food Secretary himself believes that despite the advice and orders of the Centre, if the State governments do not talk about the interests of the Dealers, organization of the State Work should create pressure on the State Govt.'s. He also said that request for supply of foodgrains in jute gunny bags instead of HDPE bags have been made and to supply of Ration by inserting Aadhar number should be ensured during server remaining down, mismatch of fingerprint.

In today's virtual meeting Shri Venkat Rao & Janab Kalimulla from Andhra Pradesh, Shri Dharani Dhar Borah, Shri Harinarayan Dutta & Shri Gunjan Borah from Assam, Shri Barun Kumar Singh & Shri Gurudev Paswan from Bihar, Shri Shishpal Godara from Haryana, Shri Shiv Kumar Garg & Shri Saurabh Gupta from Delhi. Shri Max Meiiiang Gonmel from Nagaland. Shri Karamiit Singh from Punjab, Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi from Uttarakhand, Shri Rajesh Tiwari & Shri Girish Chandra Tiwari from Uttar Pradesh, Shri Rajesh Ambuskar from Maharashtra, Shri Ramdev Singha, Shri Devesh Saparia, Smt. Lakshmini Uike & Shri Vijay Kumar Ghritlahre from Chhattisgarh, Shri T. Krishnappa & Shri Chenna Keshava Gowda from Karnataka, Shri Hemraj Meena from Rajasthan, Shri Nagendra Nath Jena from Odisha, Shri Kancham Krishnamurthy & Shri Jyotiridhar Singh (Sonu) from Telangana, Janab Abdul Majeed Rahi, Shri Ajay Gupta & Shri Kishan Lal Sharma from Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Joseph Viegas from Goa, Advocate Johnson Vilavinal from Kerala, Shri Biswambhar Basu, Janab Nasim Hussain Halder, Shri Raj Kumar Mittal,

Shri Indranil Dey and Shri Kaushik Saha from West Bengal participated, while presenting report cards related to their respective States, decided to make the National Convention of 26th July a grand success, select delegates and send their details along with their fees.

**The problems of their States by the representatives of different states in series :-**

- (1) Nagaland's Tide-over allocation to be distributed through FPS
- (2) Punjab
  - a. Due Margin for 19 (nineteen) months to be paid immediately
  - b. the enhanced margin has not yet been implemented
  - c. Ration distribution for 3 (three) months at a time should be stopped
  - d. e – PoS machines in the ratio (1:20) i.e. 1 (one) e – PoS for 20 (twenty) FPS.
- (3) Uttarakhand Margin of 7 (seven) months of PMGKAY is due.
- (4) Uttar Pradesh Due margin of 9 (nine) months is being paid.
- (5) Kerala
  - a. Quota of 2 (two) lakh metric tonnes of Rice every month is being reduced.
  - b. Block level dharna will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Organizational discussion :-**

- (i) On the request of all the District representatives of the State and the existing unit of the State Committee in Uttarakhand, information was given about the reconstitution of the State Committee by the National Working – President and the National General Secretary visiting the state Headquarters, it was informed by the newly elected State President Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi that after the meeting held in the State, National Vice – President Shri Ramesh Chandra Pandey and his three colleagues defied the National Leadership, which is indecent and condemnable, therefore, disciplinary action is expected for such actions from the Central Leadership.
- (ii) Similarly, in the state of Chhattisgarh, photographs of factionalism of Shri Ramdev Singha and Shri Bijay Kumar Ghritlehre appeared in the meeting.
- (iii) In the State of Bihar, Barun Kumar Singh strongly criticized such actions by other comrades of the organization, giving information that the Dealers are being harmed by dividing the organization into four – five factions and doing politics and expressed faith in the Central Leadership. He said to ensure the participation of Bihar in all the programs held.
- (iv) Shri Hemraj Meena from Rajasthan, while questioning the working style of some office bearers of the Rajasthan Organization, demanded intervention from the National Working President and the National General Secretary, saying it is necessary in the interest of the organization, he excused the illness of the National Vice – President, Shri Dimple Kumar Sharma. Expressed objection to not attending the meeting, said that a meeting should be called in Rajasthan to listen to all the parties and a decision should also be taken.
- (v) Concern was expressed over the activities of the organization in the State of Punjab, over the current leadership there. Instructing the present leadership to strengthen the organization, Shri Shishpal Godara National Vice – President was instructed to prepare a report on the problems of Punjab.

The National Working President and the National General Secretary will see themselves to solve the problems of Bihar, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.

Office bearers of all areas including Uttarakhand, who have been defying the National leadership while holding the posts of the Federation, and are not attending the meetings continuously, will be given a chance to explain their position, if the National Committee is satisfied, If not, they will be freed from the responsibility and opportunity will be provided to other qualified and hardworking colleagues and in this context, the National General Secretary has been entrusted with the responsibility of reshuffle of any member.

Addressing the meeting, Working President Shri Onkar Nath Jha said that in the condition of the States, there is a dire need for the organizations of all the States to put pressure on the department and the Government in their respective States, and for this, first of all, by 2024, all types of the guidelines of the Federation have to be followed keeping aside factionalism and ego, if you are not serious about your existence, then in the coming time we can be deprived of this employment.

He said that for this purpose, the National Committee decided to hold the National Convention with the delegates at **Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi on 26th July**, the meeting of the delegation with the Hon'ble Prime Minister and finally the **"Hunkar Rally" on 16th January at Ramila Maidan**. Which will probably prove to be the last nail in the coffin of the Govt.

That's why all the leaders of all the States unitedly take a pledge to complete all the programs first. Make a resolution to make it complete.

If there will be employment, there will be an organization and if there will be an organization then only you and I will be important, we have to be alert and careful towards our goal.

And for this purpose, the strategy prepared by National General Secretary Mr. Biswabhar Basu with everyone's cooperation and advice should be ensured in body, mind, wealth.

In the last phase of the meeting, the National General Secretary called upon all the Dealers of the Nation and said that your Federation should decide the amount of an Honorarium with all the measures to ensure an income of Rs. 50,000/- Efforts should be made to increase your income by making provisions equal to the increase in income from time to time, distributing ration by entering Aadhaar number in case of non-availability of servers, ensuring the supply of food grains in jute bags instead of plastic bags, and For the Dealers who are ready to increase their income by selling other items from their Shops, NAFED is constantly trying to supply hundreds of items, the results of which will be coming in front of you soon.

He said that before July 26, there will be a meeting of the National office bearers on whose shoulders the responsibility of completing the convention has been entrusted, information will be given to the concerned on time.

The proposal to represent maximum two women representatives from each state in the National Committee was also approved, the names of women members can be approved on the recommendation of the state committee.

**Some instructions by the Federation to its members :-**

- (1) Mass Signature campaign by NFSA card holders
- (2) Dealer at the door of the Members of Parliament

- (3) Requesting Hon'ble MPs to raise questions in our favour in the Monsoon Session of Parliament.
- (4) National Convention on PDS on 26th July at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi.
- (5) On **16th January 2024** there will be a huge Mass gathering at Ramlila Maidan, Delhi under the leadership of our Chief Advisor Prof. Saugata Roy and other 249 Hon'ble MPs.

In the end, he directed all the States to send the list of delegates along with fees to the Head Office as soon as possible and postponed today's meeting till the next meeting, instructing them to create pressure by meeting their MPs.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

**KANCHAM KRISHNAMURTHY**  
**PRESIDENT**