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Minutes of the National Working Committee Virtual Meeting held on 14th July 2023

We are going to hold a "National Convention on PDS – 2023" of our Federation for the 1st time at the Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi on 26th July 2023 at 10 am where 3,000 Delegates from all over the Country are likely to participate.

We have requested Shri Piyush Goyal Ji, Hon'ble Union Minister, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Govt. of India kindly to inaugurate our Convention and have invited Smt. Sadhvi Niranjan Jyoti Ji, Hon'ble Minister – of – State, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India, Leaders from all Political Parties and Hon'ble Members from both Houses of the Parliament to grace our Convention by their august presence.

5,38,000 Fair Price Shop Dealers have been serving 80.35 Crores Consumers by supplying foodgrains to them under the NFSA but it is a matter of deep regret that no political parties have come up with proposals to improve their viability and extricate them from their miserable financial conditions and this convention has been arranged for raising our united voices protesting against such neglect and demanding immediate remedial measures.

This Virtual Meeting has been presided over by Shri Kancham Krishnamurthy and conducted by Shri Onkar Nath Jha, Working President, Representatives of 16 States viz. Shri Dharani Dhar Borah, Shri Harinarayan Dutta, Shri Gunjan Borah & Shri Deben Boro from Assam, Shri Barun Kumar Singh & Shri Gurudev Paswan from Bihar, Shri Ramdev Singha & Smt. Laxmania Uikey from Chhattisgarh, Shri Shishpal Godara from Haryana, Shri Rajesh Tiwari & Shri Girish Tiwari from Uttar Pradesh, Shri Ajay Gupta & Shri A. Kumar from Jammu & Kashmir, Shri Sauray Gupta from Delhi. Shri Gurjinder Singh Sidhu & Shri Karamiit Singh and Shri Sukhwinder Kanila from Punjab, Shri T. Krishnappa from Karnataka, Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi from Uttarakhand, Shri Kancham Krishnamurthy & Shri Jyotiridhar Singh (Sonu) from Telangana, Shri D. N. Patil, Shri Rajesh Ambuskar & Shri Nilesh Deshmukh from Maharashtra, Shri Dimple Kumar Sharma from Rajasthan, Smt. P. C. Lalthakimi from Mizoram, Shri Nagendra Jena from Odisha, Shri Biswambhar Basu, Shri Raj Kumar Mittal, Shri Mrinal Bose & Shri Kaushik Saha from West Bengal participated in today's meeting. Addressing this meeting Shri Biswambhar Basu our National General Secretary invited all Political Parties & all Members of both Houses of Parliament, Food Commissioners & Secretaries from 37 States & UTs have been requested to grace our Convention with full energy, vigours & sincerely to make our Convention a great success.

If time permits after our Convention at Talkatora Indoor Stadium, New Delhi is over, we shall sit over for discussing State – wise organizational problems of Bihar & Chhattisgarh States.

National General Secretary has instructed all State Committees to ensure that atleast 1 (one) Hon'ble Member each from Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha may kindly Honour our Convention by their presence.

The State – wise Counters should be manned by 2 (two) National Working Committee Members from the respective States whose names should be forwarded in advance to the Head Office.

Since the Convention will commence shortly from 10 am so it will be a must for the Delegates to entire the Stadium from 08-30 am.

The lists of Delegates should be prepared in triplicate. Gate Passes and the Delegate kits at the Counters. There will be arrangement for Lunch.

The names with the names of the Media, WhatsApp Nos. of all the Media persons of your States stationed at Delhi should be sent to the Head Office by WhatsApp within 2 (two) days from the meeting date.

The keynote of this Convention is to speak yet once again about our Demands for immediate enhancement of our viability and ensure a fair livelihood for us.

We have been crying hoarse regarding our Demands at various levels for over several years but without any positive results so we have to prepare ourselves for a Do – or – Die program and to give a "Clarion Call" for all-out participation in our proposed Parliament March from Ramlila Ground on 16th January 2024.

We deeply mourn the loss of Late Chandrika Prasad Singh, one of the Vice – Presidents of our National Federation from Jharkhand, May the Departed Soul rest in peace.

A serious view is taken about the absentee leaders in today's Video Conference and they are requested to inform the National General Secretary about the reasons of their absence without any prior intimation to the National General Secretary within 07 days from the meeting date.

Finally, the National General Secretary gave the following instructions:-

- (a) To send the filled up KYM Forms clearly through WhatsApp by 18th July 2023.
- (b) MASS SIGNATURE CAMPAIGN from NFSA beneficiaries demanding restoration of 5 kgs' of foodgrains should be completed by August this year.
- (c) To confirm raising our proposed Questions in the Parliament by the Hon'ble MPs.
- (d) All States are requested to finalise the modus operandi in consultation with the manufacturers like Hindusthan Uniliver, ITC, Tata, Ganesh for supply of Non PD items through Fair Price Shops for the purpose of enhancing their viability.

The National Working Committee meeting concluded with a speech from our President.

The National Working Committee Meeting ended with a vote of thanks to their President and the Meeting remains suspended till the next session.

KANCHAM KRISHNAMURTHY PRESIDENT 14.07.2023