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PRESS BRIEF

Outcome of the 4 (four) Official Meetings held at New Delhi on 29.03.2023 is being placed below for favour of information to all of our Member – Dealers throughout the Country :—

(a) Meeting with Shri Gyanesh Kumar Ji, IAS, Hon'ble Union Co – Operation Secretary, Govt. of India : A detailed discussion was held as to how the Union Co – operation Dept. could extend help to the Fair Price Shop Dealers for enhancing their viability. The Union Co – operation Secretary was pleased to inform that he would seriously look into the matter after the present Budget Session of the Parliament is over. He was further pleased to suggest that our Federation should submit a detailed plan as to how they proposed to get help and assistance from the Co – operation Dept. in this regard. Shri Gyanesh Kumar Ji further assured us to consider tagging of Organisations like NAFED, CONFED, NCCF etc. for distribution with our Federation so that benefits may be extended to all Fair Price Shop Dealers.

(b) Meeting with Shri Rohit Kumar Singh Ji, IAS, Hon'ble Union Consumer Affairs Secretary, Govt. of India : Positive discussions were held regarding Pulses, Chana & Edible Oil and also other essential items to the Fair Price Shops directly by the Union Govt. for helping the viability of the Fair Price Shop Dealers to get a boost. Economic Advisor, Shri Kamkhenhang Guite also participated in the meeting.

It was discussed that Chana which was offered by NAFED for distribution in PDS on 28.03.2023 with a discounted price of Rs. 8/- per kg would be enhanced to Rs. 15/- per kg for the benefit of the Consumers in upholding our request in this regard.

Our Federation was requested to pressurise the State Govts. & UTs to lift Chana for distribution not only in PDS but also supply in Mid –

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Day - Meal & ICDS and in case they are found reluctant to inform the Union Consumers Affairs Dept. accordingly and Federation should prepare their infrastructure in all the States & UTs for lifting Chana directly in cases of exigencies.

Packed Atta has been offered in 10 kg pack at a retail price of Rs. 275/- (@ Rs. 27/50 per kg) for distribution through Fair Price Shops.

(c) Meeting with Shri Vineet Mathur, Managing Director, NCCF : A scheme for distribution of various essential items from Fair Price Shops on getting supply from NCCF as a Pilot Project was discussed and it was decided to start the Pilot Project from New Delhi at the request of Shri Shew Kumar Garg, President of our Delhi Unit.

Managing Director of NCCF was pleased to suggest holding a Virtual Meeting by our Federation with all the Branch Managers of NCCF throughout the Country wherein Officers of the Consumer Affairs Dept., Govt. of India may also remain present.

(d) Meeting with Shri Sanjeev Chopra, Hon'ble Union Food Secretary, Govt. of India : The Federation held a detailed discussion with Shri Sanjeev Chopra Ji on our 14 - point Charter of Demands.

The Union Food Secretary was pleased to inform that in case of Server remaining down, mis - match of finger print or non - possession of Aadhar Card will not deprive anybody from getting their due Ration and necessary Govt. Order has already been issued in this regard. A copy of which will made be available to the Federation and forwarded to all State Govts. & UTs for information & necessary action.

Conferences will be held in all the States including West Bengal for working out the ways & means to enhance the viability of Fair Price Shops sometimes after this month of March 2023.

A meeting will also be initiated by the Union Food Ministry, Govt. of India with Indian Sugar Mills' Association and our Federation sometimes in April 2023.

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Union Food Secretary was pleased to suggest that reports should be sent to his Dept. about the FCI godowns where supplies in High - Density Polyethylene (HDPE) bags are going on in lieu of Jute gunnies.

All the above Meetings have been very fruitful and we expect to reach our target of income guarantee of Rs. 50,000/- per month if all goes well.

Decision for doing away with Fair Price Shops under individual ownership

We take the privilege of offering our immense gratitude to Shri Piyush Goyal Ji, Hon'ble Union Food Minister, Govt. of India for kindly asserting to Prof. Saugata Roy, Hon'ble Member - of - Parliament, Lok Sabha and our Chief Advisor that Union Govt. has no contemplation to do away with the Fair Price Shops under private ownership.

This is a great relief coming to us after our Nation - wide agitation.

Under the leadership of Shri Biswambhar Basu from West Bengal, Shri T. Krishnappa & Shri T. R. Subbaraju from Karnataka, Shri K. Kishnamurthy from Telangana, Shri D. N. Patil, Shri Rajesh Ambuskar & Shri Mahendra Borse from Maharashtra, Shri Shew Kumar Garg from Delhi, Shri Shispal Godara from Haryana, Shri Dharani Dhar Borah from Assam, Mr. Meijiang Gonmel from Nagaland, Shri S. S. Girijarao & Shri P. Chitthiraju from Andhra Pradesh, Shri Varun Kumar Singh from Bihar and Shri Rewadhar Brijwasi from Uttarakhand were present in the Meetings

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