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**Subject: Proposed increase of the security deposit of the FPS Licensees presently Rs.10,000/- to Rs.50,000**

Respected Madam,

The members of the Society are perturbed at the proposal being circulated in the Department of F&S to increase the Security Deposit of FPS Licensees from the present deposit of Rs 10,000/- to Rs-50,000/- which step if taken would be extremely harsh and burdensome.

We would like to submit that even the present deposit of Rs.10,000/- is high in comparison to Rs. 500/- which existed at the outset previously.

We draw your attention to the Policy dated 27/05/2015 Ref F.5(7)/ P&C/ Misc/ P.File/ 1071-1075 wherein the Security Deposit was fixed at Rs.10,000/-

In this connection we wish to state that the proposed increase shall have a very negative effect on the financial viability of the FPS shops. The Society invites your attention to the provision of National Food Security Act 2013 and the Gazette notification No. GSR 213(E) Dated 20 March 2015 which provide as under:

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**“9. Licensing and regulation of fair price shops –** (1) *The State Government shall issue an order under section 3 of the Act, but not inconsistent with this Order, for regulating the sale and distribution of the essential commodities.*

(2) *The licences to the fair price shop owners shall be issued under the said order and the order issued by the State Government shall be notified and displayed on web portal.*

(3) *The designated authority appointed by the State Government shall issue the licences to the fair price shop owners.*

(4) *The State Government shall accord preference to public institutions or public bodies such as panchayats, self help groups, cooperative societies in licensing of fair price shops and management of fair price shops by women or their collectives.*

(5) ***The licences to the fair price shop owners shall be issued keeping in view the viability of the fair price shop.***

(6) *The State Government shall ensure that the number of ration card holders attached to a fair price shop are reasonable, the fair price shop is so located that the consumer or ration card holder does not have to face difficulty to reach the fair price shop and that proper coverage is ensured in hilly, desert, tribal and such other areas difficult to access.*

(7) ***The State Government shall fix an amount as the fair price shop owner’s margin, which shall be periodically reviewed for ensuring sustained viability of the fair price shop operations.***

(8) ***The State Government shall put in place a mechanism to ensure the release of fair price shop owners margin without any delay.***

(9) *The State Government shall allow sale of commodities other than the foodgrains distributed under the Target Public Distribution System at the fair price shop **to improve the viability of the fair price shop operations.***”

It can be further seen that the most of the FPS license holders are from lower strata of society who have virtually hand to mouth existence and do not have the resources to raise the deposit of Rs.50,000/- which would be highly unreasonable and as stated above against the terms and tenor of NFS Act, 2013 and the Gazette notifications which mandate that

*"viability of the Fair Price shop"* should be the main criterion aimed at *"sustained viability"* of the same.

In view of the above any proposed increase in the present deposit of Rs.10,000/- will be detrimental to the economic viability of the FPS. Hence any proposal to the contrary be nipped in the bud.

We pray for a favorable and equitable consideration of this representation

Best regards,



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