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TO,

SHRI RAM BILAS PASWAN,

HON'BLE MINISTER OF FOOD,

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA,

KRISHI BHAWAN,

NEW DELHI-110001

SUBJECT:-REPRESENTATION REGARDING GRIEVENCES OF THE PDS SYSTEM IN THE ENTIRE DELHI DUE. TO FAULTY /IMPUGNED POLICY BEING FOLLOWED BY THE GONCT OF DELHI LEADING TO TOTAL FAILURE OF SUPPLY LINE/ CHAOTIC CONDITIONS / DIVERSION /SUFFERINGS OF THE CONSUMERS AS WELL AS FAIR PRICE. SHOPKEEPERS EVEN UNDER THE N.F.S.ACT,2013 HURRIEDLY LAUNCHED IN DELHI BY THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT OF DELHI FOR GAING POLITICAL MILEAGE.——URGENCY OF INTERFERENCE BY THE G.O.I IN LARGER PUBLIC INTEREST AND OUR LIVELIHOOD INTERSETS.

RESPECTED SIR,

WE TENDER OUR SINCERE APOLOGY FOR THIS ENCROACHMENT UPON YOUR VERY PRECIOUS & VALUABLE TIME IN DRAWING YOUR KIND ATTENTION TO VARIOUS GRIEVENCES FACED NOT ONLY BY THE COMMON CONSUMERS BUT ALSO THE ENTIRE FRATERNITY OF FAIR PRICE SHOPKEEPERS [F.P.Ss] OF WHOLE DELHI.WE FERVENTLY HOPE YOUR GOOD SELF WILL REALISE OUR /TOTAL PREDICAMENT OF POOR PUBLIC AT LARGE DEPENDENT UPON THE FAULTY RATIONING SYSYTEM

BRIEFLY THE DETAILS OF OUR GRIEVENCES ARE:-

 UTTER FAILURE IN ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION OF STAS DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2014

FOR THE FIRST TIME DELHI STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED [DSCSCLTD] HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO ORGANISE THE DELIVERY OF SEAS AT THE DOOR STEPS OF THE F.P.Ss AS DSCSCLTD COULD NOT POSITION & APPOINT

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THERE TRANSPORT CONTRACTORS[T.Cs].SURPRISINGLY DSCSC LTD IS ALSO HEADED BY THE COMMISSIONER[E&S] AS CHAIRMAN-CUM-MANAGING DIRECTOR[CMD].CONSEQUENTLY THE BURDEN OF HITTING THE FOOD GRAINS HAS BEEN THRUST UPON THE E.P.SS OF ENTIRE DELHI TO UNDERTAKE THIS AS AN ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILTY OF ARRANGING TRANSPORTATION OF WHEAT & RICE DIRECTLY FROM THE DEPOTS OF THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA[FCI] BY THREATENING THE F.P.SS /LICENSEES AND ALLOWING THEM A FREE HAND IN ABSENCE OF ANY ORGANISED PLAN COORDINTED WITH THE FCI DEPOT AUTHORITIES AND F.P.SS. IT IS A PITY WHEN AN ORGANISATION NAMELY DSCSC LTD RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OPERATION HAS FAILED TO UNDERTAKE TRANSPORTATION, HOW THE DEPARTMENT EXPECTED THE INDIVIDUAL F.P.SS COULD SUCCEED IN THIS MASSIVE TASK OF TRANSPORTATION.

IT IS NECESSARY TO MENTION HERE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS THRUST UPON THE F.P.Ss THE TRANSPORTATION ASSIGNMENT WITHOUT ANY WRITTEN ORDERS/GUIDELINES OR TERMS AND CONDITION OR TRANSPORTATION RATES REIMBURSEABLE TO F.P.Ss OR THE LABOUR CHARGES FOR UNLOADING AT THE DOOR STEPS OF F.P.Ss. EVEN THE LABOUR WITHIN THE FCI'S DEPOTS ARE EXPLOITING BY CHARGING ILLEGAL GRATIFICATION FROM EACH F.P.S FOR EVERY QUINTAL LOADED. IN VIEW OF ABOVE FACTUAL POSITION IN ALL LIKELIHOOD THE ALLOCATED QUANTITY OF JUNE, 2014 WOULD FALL SHORT AS A RESULT BOTH THE CONSUMERS & F.P.Ss WOULD SUFFER. WHO WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS FAILURE IN MAINTAINING THE SUPPLIES OF FOOD GRAINS? MOREOVER IT IS WE FACE THE MUSIC IN THE FORM OF ABUSES FROM THE CARD HOLDERS AND FROM ALL THE CORNERS OF THE SOCIETY. WE FEEL ASHAMED OF THE GOVERNMENT'S HELPLESSNESS. IN FACT BECAUSE OF THE FAILURE OF THE HEAD OF DSCSC LTD & DEPARTMENT OF F&S ,WE URGE YOUR HONOR TO THINK ABOUT THIS IN ORDER TO RESOLVE THE STALEMATE IN PUBLIC INTEREST.

2. NON FIXATION OF COMMISSION/MARGIN MONEY PAYABLE TO THE F.P.Ss BY THE DEPARTMENT OF F&S OF DELHI UNDER THE N.F.S.ACT,2013-----FORCING US TO MOVE THE HONO'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI.

IN FACT WE WERE UNDERTAKING THE DISTRIBUTION OF S.F.As[WHEAT-RICE & SUGAR] ALL ALONG SINCE LONG WITH MARGIN MONEY PAYABLE TO US @ Rs35/- PER QUINTAL FOR WHEAT & RICE AND @ PAISE 10 PER KG FOR SUGAR. THESE RATES WERE FIXED WAY BACK IN MAY, 1997. IN THE INTERVENING PERIOD WE MADE SEVERAL REQUESTS FOR INCREASING THE SAME IN ORDER TO MAKE OUR F.P.Ss ECONOMICALLY VIABLE BUT ALL IN VAIN DUE TO HIGH HANDEDNESS OF THE CONGRESS GOVERNMENT. PARTIALLY THIS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SOME ANTI SOCIAL ELEMENTS INDULGING INTO UNFAIR PRACTICES UNDER COMPELLING CIRCUMSTANCES CREATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

IRONY IS THAT WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW SCHEME UNDER NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY ACT, 2013, THE PREVIOUS STATE GOVERNMENT OF DELHI HEADED BY SHMT SHIELA DIXIT AS CHIEF MINISTER OF DELHI LAUNCHED THE SCHEME IN A GREAT HURRY-BURRY EVEN BEFORE THE N.F.S. ORDINANCE, 2013 BECAME THE ACT IN ORDER TO CAPITALISE THE POOR BENEFICIARIES AS VOTE BANK FOR CONGRESS. THE DEPARTMENT ASSURED THE F.P.Ss OF DELHI IN SAI AUDITORIUM, LODI COLONY, NEW DELHI FOR REASONABLE ENHANCEMENT IN THE MARGIN MONEY PAYABLE TO US SOON

& REQUESTED US TO COOPERATE IN MAKING THE NESSCHEME SUCCESSFUL IN THE TITLE OF PUBLIC INTEREST.BUT NOTHING WAS DONE UNTILL JANUARY, 2014 DUE TO MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ASSEMBLY ELECTION FOR DETHI GOVERNMENT AND AGAIN DUE TO GENERAL ELECTIONS FOR CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FORMATION.

INTERESTINGLY THE RATES OF PURCHASE & SALE OF WHEAT & RICE BECAME AT PARILE, Rs2/- PER KG FOR WHEAT AND RS3/- PER KG FOR RICE UNDER THE N.E.S.ACT,2013. BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF F&S, STATE GOVERNMENT OF DELHEAS WELL AS CENTRAL GOVERNMENT UNFORTUNATELY IN THESE DAYS IN DELHI THERE IS NO LEGISLATIVE GOVERNMENT FOR PURPOSES OF DECISION ON THIS VITAL ISSUE OF COMMISSION/MARGIN MONEY PAYABLE TO F.P.Ss. RESULTANTLY DUE TO INDECIVENESS WE CONTINUED TO SUFFER.MEANWHILE OUR CAPITAL CONTINUED TO ERODE IN MEETING OUR SHOP'S RUNNING EXPENSES AND OUR HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES.AS WE COULD NOT BEAR THE LOSSES FURTHER INFINITELY, WE PERFORCE MOVED THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI FOR FIXATION OF OUR MARGIN MONEY AT REASONABLE LEVEL. THE MATTER IS PRESENTLY SUB-JUDICE, THOUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF F&S MEANWHILE UNDER PRESSURE OF THE LITIGATION, RELEASED ON ad hoc BASIS MARGIN MONEY AT THE SAME OLD RATES OF Rs35/- P.Q. UP TO JANUARY,2014 FROM SEPTEMBER, 2013. [REFER COURT CASE NO.W.P[C]NO.1657/2014]. IN THE LAST D.O.H. THE DEPARTMENT OF F&S SUBMITTED AN UNDERTAKING BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT TO RELEASE THE DUES OF FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 2014 AT OLD RATES OF Rs35/- P.Q WITHIN THREE WEEKS TIME, [AS THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAD ALSO SUBMITTED SIMULTANEOUSLY THAT THEY ARE YET TO DECIDE ABOUT THE OBLIGATIONS ON THERE PART UNDER THE N.F.S.ACT, 2013 AND WOULD DO SO BY SUBMITTING UNDERTAKING/AFFIDAVIT BY 28TH NOVEMBER, 2014i.e, NEXT D.O.H.]. EVEN THE LAST DATE SOUGHT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF F&S, GONCT OF DELHI HAS LAPSED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE,2014.THIS SHOWS A CALLOUS ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY-CUM-COMMISSIONER, FOOD & SUPPLIES, GONCT OF DELHI EVEN FOR A COURT MATTER. IN FACT THIS ATTRACTS CONTEMT OF COURT PROCEEDINGS, BUT WE HUMBLY SOLICIT YOUR INTERFERENCE FOR ISSUING SUITABLE DIRECTIONS IN THE MATTER TO GONCT OF DELHI AS WELL AS EXPEDITING THE OBLIGATIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT[DEPARTMENT OF CAF &PD].

YOUR HONOUR WOULD APPRECIATE OUR PREDICAMENT THAT ON THE ONE HAND WE ARE NOT BEING PAID ANYTHING AS COMMISSION/MARGIN MONEY AND ON THE OTHER HAND WE ARE FORCED TO FURTHER UNDERTAKE TRANSPORTATION OF WHEAT & RICE DIRECTLY FROM THE GODOWNS OF FCI AND SPEND FROM OUR OWN CAPITAL, WHICH HAS BEEN ALREADY ERODED, MAKING US ALMOST PAUPERS. WHEREAS DEPARTMENT OF F&S WANTS TO USE US AS A FINANCER IN THE MATTER OF MARGIN MONEY AS WELL AS TRANSPORTATION MATTERS. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL ROLE PLAYED BY THE GONCT OF DELHI?

3. AADHAR CARD ----NOT MANDATORY FOR GETTING RATION CARD ISSUED AS PER THE JUDGEMENT/VERDICT OF THE HON'BLE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA FOR VARIOUS BENEFITS OF TRANSFER OF DIRECT CASH SUBSIDY ETC AND THE SAME JUDGEMENT UPHELD FOR NOT MAKING IT COMPULSORY FOR PURPOSES OF RATION CARDS BY THE HON'BLE DIVISION BENCH OF DELHI HIGH COURT AT NEW DELHI ON 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL,2014 BUT ALL IN VAINS AT THE HANDS OF LEARNED PRINCIPAL SECRETARY-CUM-COMMISSIONER,FOOD & SUPPLIES,GONCT OF DELHI WHO CONTINUES TO STILL

INSIST AADHAR CARD AS AN EVIDENCE / PROOF THROUGH THE F.S.Os OF THE DEPARTMENT VERIFYING THE FORMS.

AT THE TIME OF LAUNCHING OF NESSCHEME IN DEEHETHE DEPARTMENT OF E&S, DELHI USED US AS A TOOL IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FORMS AMONGST THE CONSUMERS / PRIORITY HOUSEHOLDS FOR THEIR RATION CARDS AND THERE COLLECTIONS FOR SURRENDERING / SUBMISSION IN THE CIRCLE. OFFICES.IN THIS WAY WE GOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED WITH THE BENEFICIARIES.

ABOVE HAS MADE MANY A POOR CONSUMERS SUFFER FROM RECEIPT OF SUBSIDISED RATION FROM THE F.P.Ss. THOSE POOR WHO HAD SUBMITTED THEIR FORM FOR FRESH RATION CARDS GOT THE RATION IN THE MONTH OF APRIL, 2014 BUT THEIR QOUTA OF ALLOCATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 2014 WAS DENIED ON THE BASIS OF DEFICIENCY OF AADHAR CARD.IT ONLY SHOWS THE LEARNED PRINCIPAL-CUM-COMMISSIONER FOOD & SUPPLIES IS EVEN ABOVE THE LAW OF THE LAND.

IT ALSO LEADS ANY COMMON MAN TO EASILY UNDERSTAND HOW BOTH WE[F.P.Ss] AND THE COMMON MAN ARE VICTIMS OF THE WELFARE SCHEME OF THE G.O.I.

IT IS NOT UNDERSTANDABLE HOW THE GOI'S NOBLE SCHEMES ARE JEOPARDISED?

4. UNWARRANTED RAIDS/SUPERFICIAL INSPECTION LEADING TO SEALING OF F.P.Ss FILING OF F.I.Rs AGAINST THE INNOCENT F.P.Ss

YOUR HONOUR WILL APPRECIATE THE KIND OF SCENARIO HIGHLIGHTED ABOVE UNDER WHICH WE ARE FORCED TO STRUGGLE AND SURVIVE, SIMULTANEOUSLY UNDERTAKING THE OPERATIONS OF DISTRIBUTING ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES TO THE POOR POPULATION DEPENDENT UPON THE PDS/TPDS DAY AND NIGHT, EVEN THEN THE AUTHORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & SUPPLIES, GONCT OF DELHI ARE BENT UPON TEASING EACH AND EVERY F.P.S IN ENTIRE DELHI.THERE IS NO EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF RATION CARDS AMONGST THE F.P.Ss. RATIONALISATION OF TAGGING RATION CARDS WITH F.P.Ss IS ESSENTIAL BUT THERE IS NONE TO BOTHER, PROBABLY IT IS THE DELIBERATE CREATION OF THE INTERESTED FUNCTIONARIES.

WE FERVENTLY HOPE YOUR GOOD SELF WILL REALISE OUR GENUINE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE GONCT OF DELHI AS ARE ENUMERATED ABOVE AND CAUSE INTERFERENCE APPROPRIATELY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE OTHERWISE THE SYSTEM WOULD COLLAPSE IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COUNTRY DUE TO NEGLIGENCY OF THE GONCT OF DELHI, DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & SUPPLIES, DELHI.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

[SHIV KUMAR GARG

PRESIDENT

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## GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS K-BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002 (DISTRIBUTION BRANCH)

F.NO.15(380)/CFS(D)/2014-15/17 18

Dated: 14/11/14

To

The Delhi Sarkari Ration Deelar Sangh-Delhi Pradesh Shop No. 2-3, C-4, DDA Market, 1st Floor, Laurance Road, Keshavpuram, Delhi-35.

Sub:-Representatin regarding grievances of the PDS system in the entire Delhi due to faulty/impugned Policy being followed by the GNCT of Delhi.....

Sir/Madam,

With reference your letter No. DSRDS/2014/18/ Dated 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2014, the reply of the issues raised in the representation is as under:-

- 1. At present the transportation of SFA's is normal.
- 2. The matter of increase the margin money/commission is under consideration of higher authority.
- 3. Anybody who want to apply for ration card can apply with AADHAR/NPR and the concerned FSO will help if the applicant do not have both of them.
- 4. It is the duty of the Dpartment to enforce the Essential Commodity Act, 1955 and various Control Orders issued under the same.

This issues with the prior approval of higher authority.

Yours sincerely

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F.S.O. (Distribution)