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SR-30

Date:-5th March,2015

To,

Shri S.S.Yadav,IAS,
COMMISSIONER[F&S],
GONCT OF DELHI,Department of Food & Supplies,
I.P.Estate,"K" Block,Vikas Bhawan,
NEW DELHI-110002

SUBJECT:-NON-DEPOSITION OF DRAFT TOWARDS COST OF SFAs FOR
THE MONTH OF APRIL,2015 TIMELY INTIMATION REGARDING
RESPECTED SIR,

A representative delegation of the DSRDS,DELHI had met the
HONOURABLE CHIEFMINISTER OF DELHI,SHRI ARVIND KEJRIWAL on 27th
February,2015 and explained their grievances and in particular about
the margin money non payment for the last eleven months(April-14
toFEB-15)as well as urgency of its enhancement. A detailed note on the
grievances of the FPSs of Delhi was also handed over in person.(copy
enclosed) So far there is no response.

Aforesaid meeting was followed with SHRI ASEEM AHMED
KHAN,MINISTER OF FOOD AND SUPPLIES on 02nd MARCH,2015 in his
chamber at the Secretariat in the presence of Shri B.R.Singh, Special
Commissioner as well as Shri Pramod Gupta ,Assistant
Commissioner[N.W] and the note on the grievances of the F.P.Ss of
entire Delhi was not only handed over but also explained in details. So
far there is no response .The uncalled for action about suspension
orders issued by A.C[NE] and A.C[E] for 32 F.P.Ss For non-deposition of
drafts for the month of March,2015 despite adequate and timely
written intimation of the reasons with justification tendered to him,was
apprised.

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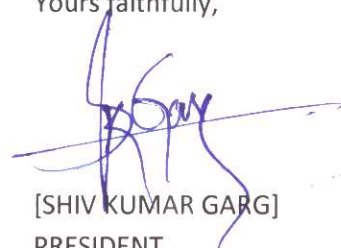
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That in view of callous & indifferent attitude continuing on the part of all the authorities of the department, it has been felt necessary and unanimously decided by the entire fraternity of fair price shopkeepers of entire Delhi that they will not be in a position to deposit the advance draft towards the cost of SFAs for the month of April,2015 and I am authorized to bring this to your kind notice for appropriate necessary action in time and hence this letter please.

I would very humbly request your good self to please use your good offices in properly apprising the factual position to all concerned who are vested with authority for decision making so that the public distribution system continues in larger public interest and at the same time interests of the F.P.Ss guarded adequately.

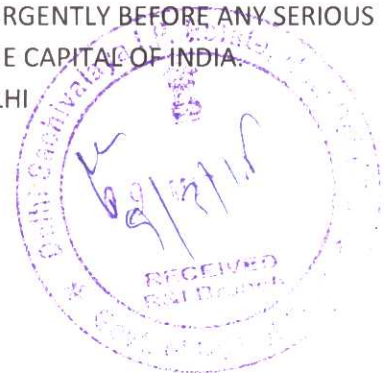
With sincere regards,

Yours faithfully,



[SHIV KUMAR GARG]
PRESIDENT
DSRDS DELHI
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1. SHRI MANISH SISODIA,ACTING CHIEF MINISTER OF DELHI,GONCT OF DELHI
2. SHRI ASIM AHMED KHAN,MINISTER FOOD AND SUPPLIES,GONCT OF DELHI-----WITH HMBLE REQUEST ONCE AGAIN TO INTERVENE IN THE MATTER URGENTLY BEFORE ANY SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM HAPPENS IN THE CAPITAL OF INDIA.
3. SHRI K.K. SHARMA,CHIEF SECRETARY,GONCT OF DELHI,NEW DELHI



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To,

Shri Arvind Kejriwal,
Hon'ble Chief Minister,
G O N C T OF DELHI,
New Secretariat, Near I.T.O.,
NEW DELHI-110002

Subject:- Representation about the grievances of the
Fair Price Shopkeepers of entire Delhi-----a serious
threat for the survival of the Public Distribution System.
Respected Sir,

We are extremely grateful for affording us an
opportunity for ventilation of our grievances before
your good self in person today.

We are enclosing herewith a brief note containing the
grievances faced by the entire fraternity of fair price
shopkeepers of Delhi for your kind perusal. It is
sincerely hoped that you would take a pragmatic view
in the matter in order to redress these at an early date
in larger public interests and save the public
distribution system which is on the verge of collapstation
in the Capital of India. Sir, we are prepared to call on
you once again at any time & date convenient to your
good self through a representative delegation of four-
five persons from DSRDS, Delhi to explain further on
any aspect requiring clarification.

We look forward for your intervention in a time bound
manner & sincerely hope you would certainly not
disappoint us, for which we will remain ever grateful.

Yours faithfully,

[SHIV KUMAR GARG]

PRESIDENT, DSRDS, DELHI

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BRIEF NOTE ON GRIEVANCES OF THE FAIR PRICE SHOPKEEPERS OF ENTIRE DELHI

1. All the authorities of GONCT of Delhi & especially HIS EXCELLENCY THE LEIUTINENT GOVERNOR OF DELHI and the Principal Secretary-cum-Commissioner, Food & Supplies, Department of Food & Supplies may not be realizing the gravity of various problems & grievances faced by the entire fraternity of so called FAIR PRICE SHOPKEEPERS[FPSs] brought to their notice since October,2013 onwards in an aggressive manner several times formally in writing apart from by threats of NOTICE FOR NON DEPOSITION OF ADVANCE DRAFTS OF SFAS AND DHARNAS etc , the PDS in the Capital of India is virtually on the verge of collapsation very soon & chaotic conditions will be scene of the day all around. At least then only authorities would wake up, when it will be too late to cover up the damage already occurred.
2. Height of injustice earlier at the hands of the then elected government of the AAM ADMI PARTY or later under the then prevailing Lt. Governor's rule in Delhi by their deaf & dumb attitude or indifferent style to resolve the genuine grievances has already forced the DSRDS to seek various reliefs by knocking the doors of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi, & already the matter for stay of operation of N.F.S.Act,2013 in entire Delhi in pending adjudication as both the GONCT of Delhi as well as MOF.GOI are still to perform the obligatory functions as prescribed in the N.F.S.Act,2013 & is the root cause of litigation now.The next date of hearing is scheduled for 10th April,2015.
3. The most burning and long outstanding only major problem relates to the remuneration payable to the FPSs in the form of commission or margin money on quantities of food grains distributed to the consumers. The ongoing rate is 35 paisa per kg or Rs35/per quintal of stocks distributed by the FPS..This rate was fixed on 13th May, 1997.[Refer ANNEXURE-No I for details]In the intervening period of seventeen [17] years all attempts by us did not evince a pragmatic or practical view by the authorities of Department of F&S to increase the same, even though the WADHWA COMMISSION,STANDING COMMITTEE OF PARLIAMENTARIANS for Delhi, ARVIND KEJRIWAL [YOURSELF]prior to becoming CM of Delhi last year have recommended reasonable hike in the commission/margin money payable to the FPSs in order to make them a viable unit. Shri Arvind Kejriwal in JULY,2007 through an affidavit before WADHWA COMMISSION had suggested a minimum earning of Rs15,000/- per FPS in Delhi for their sustenance and economic viability & to discourage them from indulging into diversion of subsidized food grains into black markets. No heed was paid by the Department of F& S, GONCT, but continued its impugned & sponsored policies for reasons best known to the Department.
4. This margin money or commission payable to the F.P.Ss was suggested by Shri S.S.Yadav,Commissioner [F&S] in January,2014 to be raised to Rs1/-per kg or [Rs100/-per quintal] and a NOTE for approval by the Cabinet of Delhi Government made out proposing the same w.e.f. 1st January,2014,whereas the N.F.S.Act,2013 was launched in Delhi w.e.f.1st September,2013,why such an arbitrary cut off date was stipulated was itself a reflection of impractical non pragmatic approach of the Department when services of the F.P.Ss were taken from the date N.F.S.Act,2013 was commenced in Delhi?
5. DSRDS, Delhi had vehement ally objected to the proposed revised rate proposed as well as the cut off date before Shri S.S.Yadav, Commissioner[F&S] and we had exhibited our en mass resistance outside the Secretariat in front of your office last year. We had explained in details our predicament to Shri Saurabh Bharadwaj, the then Minister Food & Supplies who had assured us for justice to us but all in vain.
6. As we had a detailed meeting with the senior officers of the Department on 24th September,2014 fixed by Shri S.S.Yadav and we had expressed our greatest frustration to continue operations of the entire F.P.Ss in entire Delhi by threat of "SHUTTERS DOWN"the Department realizing the gravity of the issue took up the matter before HIS EXCELLENCY THE LEIUTINENT GOVERNOR OF DELHI and obtained approval for enhancing the commission/margin money to Paise 70 per kg/Rs70/- per quintal and notified about it on 17th November,2014 by issuing an ORDER, surprisingly making its applicability w.e.f.1st

September,2014.[Refer ANNEXURE-II].Shri Tyagi U.K,Special Commissioner of the Department even advised us to file objections so that the Department can once again review this decision.

7. With the launching of the NFS Scheme under the NFS Act, 2013 in a great hurry-burry the role of the FPSs, who are an integral part of the PDS in Delhi, has further been ruined and made them paupers because of “administered pricing policy” of PURCHASE PRICE EQUALS TO SALE PRICE and huge amount of publicity in Delhi by GONCT viz, Rs 2/-per kg of wheat and Rs3/- per kg of rice at which FPSs will buy & sell. Irony of the matter is under the NFS Act, 2013 there is no mention about the rate of reward or commission or margin money payable to the FPSs. This is to be fixed by the GONCT. But upon norms and manner to be advised by the G.O.I.

8. Section 22(4)(d) of the NFS Act,2013 under CHAPTER VIII on OBLIGATIONS OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT FOR FOOD SECURITY inter-alia prescribed :-

QOUTE “Without prejudice to sub-section (1), the Central Government shall.-----

(d) provide assistance to the State Government in meeting the expenditure incurred by it towards intra-State movement ,handling of food grains and margin money paid to the fair price shop dealers, in accordance with such norms and manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government; and”

UNQUOTE

Refer ANNEXURE-No III for details.

The Central Government has yet to advise the GONCT of Delhi about the norms and manner about the margins payable to the FPSs in Delhi.

This being the legal & official position, it is beyond comprehension of DSRDS how the Special Commissioner, Shri U.K.Tyagi, Department of F&S, informed us in a pre-scheduled meeting with the Commissioner [F&S] on 24th September, 2014 that the Department has now obtained the approval for increasing the rate of margin money to Re0.70 paise per kg and a NOTIFICATION about it will soon be released. Shri S.S.Yadav, IAS, Commissioner [F&S], however, did not attend the said meeting fixed by him only with the representatives of the DSRDS after almost one month’s wait.

The aforementioned unilateral decision of increasing the margin money to Re0.70 paise per kg [Rs70/- p.q] by the Department of F&S, GONCT is absolutely NOT repeat NOT acceptable to the FPSs of entire Delhi. This decision when conveyed by us to all the FPSs Delhi, they unanimously wanted a GENERAL BODY ASSEMBLY/MEET ,which was organized under the banner of DSRDS on 30th September,2014 at A-I, Community Hall, also known as Sahib Singh Verma Community Hall, Keshav Puram, Delhi-110035.

All the members present had decided to tender en-mass resignations of their licenses to the Lt. Governor, Delhi, and make the PDS suffer in Delhi even though it would have made the poor consumers/ration card-holders also suffer. This move was, however, prevented with the timely advice & intervention of worthy Shmt. Shiela Dikshit, Former Chief Minister of Delhi and Former Governor of Kerala State.

9. The basic reasons for non acceptability of the ex-parte decision under processing for increasing the margin money to Re0.70 paise per kg [Rs70/- per quintal] is that it will not at all help even in meeting the running/operating expenses of the FPS, what to talk about survival of dependent families of the FPS owners. They have been serving the PDS in Delhi for the last more than four decades. At this stage majority of them are aged persons, who cannot even get any alternative jobs or venues of earnings to survive. Complete details of our shop expenses have been repeatedly explained to the worthy Commissioner [F&S] . In a detailed & exhaustive representation in October,2013 and again in January,2014 submitted to the Commissioner [F&S] & all others concerned minute details of expenses incurable by a FPS have been given, based upon which the DSRDS requested for increasing the rate of margin money to Rs2.80 per kg,[Rs280/- per quintal] which alone will help a FPS get a net earning of about Rs18,000 to Rs20,000/-p.m. after meeting the shop expenses or they will get almost a return equal to a class IV government employee’s salary. Whereas government provides the entire basic infrastructure with working environment in offices to all the class IV employees with various facilities and perquisites like medical, L.T.C, regular increases in D.A, timely promotions, yearly increments above all pension after retirement. But in the case of F.P.Ss the entire infrastructure has to be provided by themselves from their own pockets. Sir, do we not

deserve treatment and reward of at least a L.D.C? Now 7th PAY COMMISSION will dole out to these lucky citizens & we will only keep on biting our tounge with jealousy.

Shri S.S.Yadav, C[F&S] heard the gathering at his Hqrs and gave us a NOTE proposing Re 1.00 per kg [Rs100/- per quintal] payable w.e.f 1st January,2014 even though NFS Act,2013 was launched in Delhi w.e.f. 1st September,2014 and again in July,2014 handed over to us yet another proposal of the Department for increasing it to same Re1.00 per kg now w.e.f 1st September,2014.It is not understood whose brain child it is to now lower it to Re0.70 paise per kg as mentioned in para 5 aforesaid, which is also grossly unjustified obviously when reckoned w.r.t. our justified demand of Rs2.80 per kg. The proposed hike implies just 25% of our demand.

We are again giving below details of expenses incurred/to be incurred by a FPS in Delhi for ready reference & perusal as follows:-

A	RENT OF THE SHOP [AVERAGE] The GONCT has recently hiked the circle rates of different localities in Delhi by 20%. [Let the rental value be assessed & fixed/adopted accordingly, the only difference may be that it may be Rs10,000/- in Burari or Nand Nagri area as against Rs25,000/- in G.K or South Extension.---]	15,000/-
B	ELECTRICITY CHARGES OF THE SHOP----- At each FPS power is consumed for electronic weighing scale, exhaust fan, normal fan, tube light plus one bulb inside & one outside & now onwards it may be for the Sales Device/Machine as well--	2,000/-
C	LABOUR CHARGES OF AN UNSKILLED LABOUR AT SHOP FOR FILLING/WEIGHING ETC-----[As per the latest minimum wages revised & fixed in Delhi w.e.f. 01 st April,2014 by the Labour Department of GONCT for an unskilled labour . [Refer ANNEXURE-No IV for details]	8,554/-
D	STATIONARY CHARGES----- Each shop has to arrange stationary as per norms of the Department for cash memos/sales registers[category-wise]/ration cards register/stocks register/carbons etc	1,000/-
E	BANK DRAFT CHARGES FOR COST OF SFAs	200/-
F	LOSS OF INTEREST ON CAPITAL BLOCKED	500/-
G	METROLOGY EXPENSES ON STAMPING OF WEIGHT/SHORTAGES/DAMAGES/WEIGHMENT CHARGES AT THE TIME OF RECEIPTS OF SFAs etc	150/-
H	EXPENSES ON MAINTENANCE OF BOOKS OF ACCOUNTS/FILING OF INCOME TAX RETURNS etc.	1,000/-
I	VARNER CHARGES/BAKSHISH UNOFFICIALLY DEMANDED/CHARGED BY LABOURERS OF TRANSPORT CONTRACTORS OF DSCSC LTD AT THE TIME OF UNLOADING SFAs IN THE PREMISES OF FPSs@ Rs10/- per quintal	1,000/-
J	HIDDEN CHARGES UNIVERSALLY KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT AT THE TIME OF RENEWAL OF AUTHORISATION etc.	1,000/-
K	UNFORESEEN MISLANEOUS EXPENSES/PETROL/CONVEYANCE/MOBILE PHONE CHARGES,etc	3,000/-

TOTAL EXPENSES APPROXIMATELY [A TO K]

Rs 33,404/- p.m.

Approximately Rs33,000/- to Rs 35,000/- p.m. is spent by each F.P.S. These may vary from shop to shop but these are in any case not less than Rs34,000/ p.m. for any shop.

10. As per proposal of the Department in January, 2014 [Refer ANNEXURE-No V for details] when it recommended increase in margin money to Re1.00 per kg [or Rs100/- p. q.] it considered that given a standard of 1000 ration cards attached with each shop having a family size of 4.5 and @5 kg per kg p.m. the average allocation of food grains will be 225 Quintals p.m. With these calculations, the margin money payable to the FPSs will be Rs22,500/- p.m. out of which they may have to spend on rent of the shop, electricity charges, wages, labour charges, stationary etc. thereby ensuring at least Rs10,000/- p.m. ,which are marginally higher than daily wages of a skilled labour.

Anyone will appreciate how impractical or non pragmatic approach was followed even when it considered increase in margin money to Re1.00 per kg [Rs100/- p.q.] in January, 2014 or again in July,2014 with the objective that each FPS owner should earn at least a monthly income of Rs10,000/- after meeting its expenses in running the shop. As per this proposal also the FPS owner is to pay his labourer's wages of Rs8554/- who weighs the grain at the time of sale/issues etc but FPS owner should be satisfied & contend with just Rs10,000/- for him & his family. Does it sound a logical preposition from any angle? While the Department accepts & agrees there are unavoidable expenses in running a shop, but forgets to adopt it at the level as per prevailing market conditions or trends. Why?

Interestingly net earning of Rs10,000/-p.m. is reckoned by the Department w.r.t. a standard of 1,000 ration cards tagged with each FPS which is far from ground reality.

The skewed character of number of ration cards tagged with F.P.Ss all over Delhi is well known to the Department & is as shown below as per their own records but the Department keeps its eyes closed deliberately while examining proposals of such vital interests for reasons best known to it.

FPSs Allocation between 0-50Qtls	FPSs Allocation between 50-100Qtls	FPSs Allocation between 100-200Qtls	FPSs Allocation between 200-300Qtls	FPSs Allocation above 300Qtls	Total No of FPSs in Delhi
365	763	1011	219	33	2391
15.27%	31.91%	42.28%	9.16%	1.38%	100%
Rs3,500/-*	Rs7,000/-*	Rs14,000/-*	Rs21,000/-*	Rs28,000/-*	Monthly income excluding all expenses of the F.P.S.

NOTE:- 1]*Maximum income of a FPS, net of expenses on margin money @ Rs70/-Per Quintal/Per Month

2] Above details relate official records for the month of December, 2014,taken from the website of the Department.

3] Zone-wise No of FPSs showing allocations of SFAs in quintals, for the month of December, 2014 [Refer ANNEXURE-No VI for details]

It will be abundantly clear from the above Table that 90% [2139 of the total 2391] of the F.P.Ss have less than 300 Quintals of monthly allocations of SFAs and have to survive with just Rs21,000 /- or less of earnings per month.In contrast see the monthly operating expenses every shopkeeper has to incur, which is not less than Rs33,000/- then what is the significance of Rs21,000/- earnings p.m.It is abundantly clear that each and every shopkeeper has been doling out of his pocket just in order to continue his shop at a loss. Is it possible in a city like Delhi/New Delhi the Capital of India? Does it not mean and show malafide intentions on the part of the GONCT of Delhi and the Department of F&S in forcing helpless F.P.Ss to work as a bonded labour? Irony of the matter is further aggravated if you realize the hard fact that there is monthly quota of SFAs allocation of about 30,000 M.T. or 3,00,000 quintals and if the margin money of Rs70/- P.Q. is paid to the all 2391 FPSs in entire Delhi ,the total money released by the Department works out to Rs2.10 crores. This apportioned over 2391 FPSs works out to Rs8,700/p.m. Beauty is further spoiled by the unofficial varner charges/bakshish or jhunga of Rs10/- P.Q. paid by the shopkeepers to the labourers who do the unloading of

SFAs at the door step of each FPS approximately Rs30,00,000/- is snatched away by the labourers of the T.Cs of the DSCSC Ltd. thus leaving Rs1.80 crores of margin money in the hands of all the FPSs in Delhi. The per month net earnings goes down to Rs7,000/- only approximately. Question arises how is the economic viability of any shop assessed by the Department?

You will kindly appreciate that such impugned sponsored policy full of pitfalls adopted by the Department over the years is only responsible for a few FPSs indulging into unfair practices of diversion, under compulsive conditions. As a result majority of other innocent FPS owner are made to suffer the threats of raids or surprise inspections etc as a part of exercise by the Department to create fear psycho amongst all the shopkeepers. This is nothing but "official terrorism" created by the GONCT through its most important Department looking after the food for the poor involving direct public interest.

The so called surprise checks or raids on the shops are also used as a tool to exploit the innocent shopkeepers, which is a universal truth.

11. Now the GONCT has raised the margin money to Re0.70 per kg [Rs70/- p. q.] & being accepted by the Department of F&S, it would simply imply that 47.18% of the FPS owners should satisfy themselves with just Rs7,000/- p.m. or less net earning / income, instead of Rs10,000/- p.m. department itself wanted and proposed in January, 2014. What a great rationale in shift of its own stand?
12. In view of the factual position indicated above, ever since 1st September, 2013 when the N. F. S. Act, 2013 was launched in Delhi or even before, all the FPS owners have completely depleted their capital base by spending from their own sources gradually in meeting the deficit every month in their earning vis-à-vis excessive expenses in running of their shops. [There has been total erosion of their capital base]. Financial plight of every FPS can also be understood from the fact that even the margin money @ 0.35 per kg [Rs35/- p. q.] was also never paid in time by the Department of F&S. The earlier dues of over four-five years towards margin money from September, 2009 to August, 2013 legally payable to the FPSs, were paid only during 2013-14 last year that too after the intervention & directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi. Even in respect of last ten months, April, 2014 to January, 2015, the margin money even @ Re0.70 paise per kg is yet to be paid by the Department. This shows clearly how much serious or callous is the Department of F&S, Delhi towards genuine necessities of the F.P.Ss? If some F.P.Ss indulge into diversionary activities, who is responsible for forcing them to do so? Is it not the Government? It is obviously the Government.
13. REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF RATION CARDS TAGGED WITH EVERY FPS :-The Department of F&S has the obligation to identify the beneficiaries namely "priority households" as per the guidelines it may devise. Sh. S.S.Yadav, IAS, Commissioner (F&S) has been adamant for issuing ration cards only to those who have the AADHAR CARDS. As such it is made mandatory by the Department of F&S. This is despite the fact there are clear directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 24th March, 2014 as well as directions of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi dated 4th April, 2014 to the contrary. This is resulting into lesser number of ration cards tagged with the F.P.Ss because all those poor, aged, illiterate, jhuggi-dwellers or daily wage earners have not been able to yet register for AADHAR CARDS. Although this is a matter of contempt of court but adamancy of the Department for insisting AADHAR CARDS [Even sometimes demanding Registration Nos under N.P.R. [National Population Register] has resulted into elimination of a large number of ration cards or beneficiaries from the lists of eligible consumers & Shri S.S.Yadav, Commissioner [F&S] has been claiming huge savings caused to the government as though earlier those were bogus ration cards. He forgets the so called bogus ration cards were the creation of the functionaries of the Department only, but no action at all is taken by the Commissioner [F&S] against them, WHY? Though it is the prerogative of the Department to identify the eligible beneficiaries amongst the poor in whatever manner it feels necessary and we do not wish to interfere in this matter yet it has to abide by the judicial directions of the Supreme Court of India as well as the Division Bench of the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi. But it does not bother because of thick skinned officers manning the department. The net effect of all this pervert actions is lesser allocation of monthly quantities of SFAs with each F.P.S. making their

earnings adversely affected on the one hand & on the other hand poor people eligible to subsidized food grains also deprived the benefit under the noble scheme passed by the Parliament.

14. **REDUCED MONTHLY ALLOCATIONS FOR EVERY FPS** :-Under the provisions of the N.F.S.Act,2013 monthly allocations have been reduced because of the entitlement of each consumer is allowed on per person basis [4kg wheat and 1kg rice] as against entitlement on per card basis[25kgs wheat and 10kgs rice] which was adopted previously I . e, prior to introduction of N.F.S.Act,2013. This has also lead to reduced monthly allocations of all the FPSs & consequently net income for each & every F.P.S has also gone down. In reality both the consumers as well as shopkeepers are made to suffer.
15. By not correcting the prevalent shortcomings in the ongoing PDS system, in fact there is a total failure on all the fronts as a result some unscrupulous officers/staff of the Department are able to exploit the situation. Can Shri S.S.Yadav. IAS , Commissioner [F&S] give justification about the indulgence of three-four Assistant Commissioners who were caught red handed last year by the C.B.I/Anti Corruption Branch and jailed for corrupt activities? Hence now "KARO YA MARO" slogan is soon going to damage the decades –age old PDS in the Capital of India. The "SHUTTERS DOWN" scenes with suicides like poor farmers in Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra etc witnessed by the country and "MASS RESIGNATIONS" are not ruled out-----therefore DSRDS humbly

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for timely intervention in order to resolve the burning issue of revision of margin money/commission payable to the F.P.Ss in Delhi in public interest so that we are able to lead life of an honest citizen. We want honest income and do not wish our generations to become criminals.

Please save our souls, on S.O.S basis.

GOVT. OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
 OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER FOOD SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS:
 'K' BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, NEW DELHI-110 002.
 (DISTRIBUTION BRANCH 'M'BLOCK)

NO. F.5(1)/91/CRS(D)/ 9931

Dated: May 13, 1997

INSTRUCTION NO.: 18

Govt. of India has increased the central issue price of wheat and rice w.e.f. 1.6.97 and have further authorised the State Govt. to fix the price at FPS level. In view of this, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has after considering the requests from the Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation and the Fair Price Shop Associations, revised the transportation charges and handling charges payable to D.S.C.S.C. and the margin of profit of the Fair Price Shop holders.

The revised prices of wheat and rice effective from 1.6.97 are as under:-

	Central Issue Price for FPS holders	Retail price for Card Holders.
Wheat	Rs. 450/- per quintal	Rs. 5.00 per kg.
Superfine Rice	Rs. 750/- per quintal	Rs. 8.00 per kg.

3. The transportation charges and handling charges payable to D.S.C.S.C. and margin of profit of the FPS holders have been uniformly fixed for wheat and rice as under:-

Handling & transportation	Rs. 15.00 per quintal
Margin of profit of Fair Price Shop holders	Rs. 35.00 per quintal

Higher increase in the margin of profit for wheat will automatically take care of the lower margin of profit for rice.

4. The drafts for wheat and rice for the 1st fortnight of June 97 and onwards will be prepared at the above central issue prices.

5. Unlifted stock of wheat and rice from the godowns of FCI as on 1.06.97 will be released by the FCI after taking additional drafts for the difference in the price which are Rs.48/- per quintal in respect of wheat and Rs. 102/- in respect of superfine rice.

6. If excess quantity of wheat is received in June against the May quota it will be adjusted in the month of June by reducing the equivalent quantity of wheat by the circle office at the time of next allocation.

7. Similarly the difference in the old and revised prices of wheat and rice at the above rates, on the stocks lying with the FPS as opening balance on 1.06.97 is to be paid to FCI.

8. Circle FSOs, through the Area Inspectors will note down these figures on 31.5.97 evening and obtain a declaration from each FPS in annexure-I (Enclosed). He will ensure that the FPS holders deposit the draft for the requisite amount with the Circle Office upto 6.6.97.

9. Entitlement for issue to the card holders has been further revised as under in view of the substantial reduction in allocation of wheat & rice by the Govt. of India recently w.e.f. 1.6.97:-

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 DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, SUPPLIES & CONSUMER AFFAIRS
 K-BLOCK, VILAS BHAWAN, E.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI 110002
 (DISTRIBUTION BRANCH)

No. J-15(11)CF&S(D)-2003-1475-1476

Date: 17/08/14

ORDER

The Lt. Governor, Delhi is pleased to revise the margin money of Fair Price Shop Dealers on the Specified Food Article - (SF) viz. wheat and rice from the existing Rs.35/- per quintal to Rs.70/- per quintal.

The Government of India has enacted the National Food Security Act, 2013. The same has been implemented in the NCT of Delhi. Under the provisions of NFSA, 2013 there are two categories of ration card holder i.e. AAY Households and Priority Households. They are getting SFs at highly subsidized rates i.e. wheat @ Rs.2/- per kg and rice @ Rs.3/- per kg. The expenditure incurred on the payment of margin money for the SFs issued to AAY and Priority Households which include the old (19) JBS and 12 FC ration card holders will be borne by the Food, Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department, Govt. of Delhi under MO: 3496-DISTRIBUTION/Surveillance of Public Distribution System with focus upon below poverty line. The revised rate of margin money payable to the FPS Dealers for these categories of households in NCT will be effective from 1st September, 2014.

Consequent upon revision of margin money, the retail price of Above Poverty Line (Stamped) (APL-S) category for wheat are revised from the existing Rs.7.05 per kg. to Rs.7.40 per kg. and for rice from the existing Rs.9.25 per kg. to Rs.9.60 per kg. to the consumers. The revised rates for this category will be effective from 01/12/14.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance (Expenditure-II) Department, Government of NCT of Delhi vide their CD No.000251475 dated 4.8.2014.

This issues with the prior approval of Secretary-cum-Commissioner, F&S.


 (AJAY KUMAR GUPTA)
 ADDL. COMMISSIONER, F&S

(c) provide for transportation of foodgrains, as per allocation, to the depots designated by the Central Government in each State;

(d) provide assistance to the State Government in meeting the expenditure incurred by it towards intra-State movement, handling of foodgrains and margins paid to fair price shop dealers, in accordance with such norms and manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government; and

(e) create and maintain required modern and scientific storage facilities at various levels.

23. In case of short supply of foodgrains from the central pool to a State, the Central Government shall provide funds to the extent of short supply to the State Government for meeting obligations under Chapter II in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Provisions for funds by Central Government to State Government in certain cases

CHAPTER IX

OBLIGATIONS OF STATE GOVERNMENT FOR FOOD SECURITY

24. (1) The State Government shall be responsible for implementation and monitoring of the schemes of various Ministries and Departments of the Central Government in accordance with guidelines issued by the Central Government for each scheme, and their own schemes, for ensuring food security to the targeted beneficiaries in their State.

Implementation and monitoring of schemes for ensuring food security.

(2) Under the Targeted Public Distribution System, it shall be the duty of the State Government to—

(a) take delivery of foodgrains from the designated depots of the Central Government in the State, at the prices specified in Schedule I, organise intra-State allocations for delivery of the allocated foodgrains through their authorised agencies at the door-step of each fair price shop; and

(b) ensure actual delivery or supply of the foodgrains to the entitled persons at the prices specified in Schedule I.

(3) For foodgrain requirements in respect of entitlements under sections 4, 5 and section 6, it shall be the responsibility of the State Government to take delivery of foodgrains from the designated depots of the Central Government in the State, at the prices specified in Schedule I for persons belonging to eligible households and ensure actual delivery of entitled benefits, as specified in the aforesaid sections.

(4) In case of non-supply of the entitled quantities of foodgrains or meals to entitled persons under Chapter II, the State Government shall be responsible for payment of food security allowance specified in section 8.

(5) For efficient operations of the Targeted Public Distribution System, every State Government shall,—

(a) create and maintain scientific storage facilities at the State, District and Block levels, being sufficient to accommodate foodgrains required under the Targeted Public Distribution System and other food based welfare schemes;

(b) suitably strengthen capacities of their Food and Civil Supplies Corporations and other designated agencies;

(c) establish institutionalised licensing arrangements for fair price shops in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Public Distribution System (Control) Order, 2001 made under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, as amended from time to time.



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Current Minimum Wage

The Following rates are applicable in respect of Unskilled, semiskilled and skilled categories in all schedules employments except employment in "Shop And Establishment and employment in 'Clubs'

Category	Minimum Wage (Rs.)	Dearness Allowance (Rs.)	Dearness Bonus (Rs.)	Gratuity (Rs.)
Unskilled	8554.00	78.00	8632.00	332.00
Semiskilled	9438.00	104.00	9542.00	367.00
Skilled	10374.00	104.00	10478.00	403.00

The following rates are applicable in respect of Unskilled, semiskilled and skilled categories in (i)Employment in Shops And Establishments (ii)Employment in Clubs, which are as follows.

Category	(i) Unskilled	(ii) Semiskilled	(iii) Skilled
Unskilled	(i)8554.00 (ii)8398.00 (iii)7696.00 (iv)7592.00	78.00	(i)8632.00 (ii)8476.00 (iii)7774.00 (iv)7670.00
Semiskilled	(i)9438.00 (ii)9282.00 (iii)8476.00 (iv)8372.00	104.00	(i)9542.00 (ii)9386.00 (iii)8580.00 (iv)8476.00
Skilled	(i)10374.00 (ii)10192.00 (iii)9334.00 (iv)9204.00	104.00	(i)10478.00 (ii)10296.00 (iii)9438.00 (iv)9308.00

(i)Where neither meals nor lodging is provided (ii) where only lodging is provided (iii)Where only meals twice a day is provided (iv)where both meals and lodging are provided.

The Following rates are applicable in respect of Clerical and Non Technical Supervisory Staff in all Scheduled Employments

Category	Minimum Wage (Rs.)	Dearness Allowance (Rs.)	Dearness Bonus (Rs.)	Gratuity (Rs.)
Non Matriculates	9438.00	104.00	9542.00	367.00
Matriculates but not graduates	10374.00	104.00	10478.00	403.00
Graduates and above	11310.00	104.00	11414.00	439.00

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(LABOUR DEPARTMENT)**



1-1-1980	240.00	270.00	320.00	275.00	325.00	383.00
1-3-1982	300.00	337.50	400.00	345.00	406.00	480.00
1-4-1984	354.00	400.00	472.00	408.00	478.00	566.00
16-10-1985	414.00	468.00	552.00	477.00	560.00	662.00
1-5-1987	489.00	552.00	651.00	563.00	661.00	781.00
16-3-1988	562.00	635.00	749.00	647.00	760.00	898.00
1-5-1989 along with VDA	750.00	848.00	1000.00	864.00	1014.00	1198.00
1-2-1990 along with VDA	767.00	865.00	1017.00	881.00	1031.00	1215.00
1-8-1990 along with VDA	792.00	891.00	1043.00	907.00	1057.00	1241.00
1-2-1991 along with VDA	854.00	952.00	1104.00	968.00	1118.00	1302.00
1-8-1991 along with VDA	891.00	989.00	1141.00	1005.00	1155.00	1339.00
1-2-1992 along with VDA	958.00	1056.00	1208.00	1072.00	1222.00	1406.00
1-8-1992 along with VDA	1009.00	1107.00	1259.00	1123.00	1273.00	1457.00
1-2-1993 along with VDA	1078.00	1176.00	1328.00	1192.00	1342.00	1526.00
1-8-1993 along with VDA	1119.00	1217.00	1369.00	1233.00	1383.00	1567.00
15-2-1994	1382.00	1548.00	1806.00	1575.00	1830.00	2141.00
1-8-1994 along with VDA	1420.00	1586.00	1844.00	1613.00	1868.00	2180.00
1-2-1995 along with VDA	1495.00	1661.00	1919.00	1688.00	1943.00	2255.00
1-8-1995 along with VDA	1545.00	1711.00	1969.00	1738.00	1993.00	2305.00
1-2-1996 along with VDA	1677.00	1843.00	2101.00	1870.00	2125.00	2437.00
1-2-1997 along with VDA	1784.00	1950.00	2208.00	1977.00	2232.00	2544.00
1-2-1998 along with VDA	1937.00	2103.00	2361.00	2130.00	2385.00	2697.00
1-2-1999 along with VDA	2348.00	2514.00	2772.00	2541.00	2796.00	3108.00
1-2-2000 along with VDA	2419.00	2585.00	2843.00	2612.00	2867.00	3179.00
1-8-2000 along with VDA	2524.00	2690.00	2948.00	2717.00	2972.00	3284.00
1-2-2001 along with VDA	2579.00	2745.00	3003.00	2772.00	3027.00	3339.00
1-8-2001 along with VDA	2592.00	2758.00	3016.00	2785.00	3040.00	3352.00
1-2-2002 along with VDA	2667.40	2833.40	3091.40	2860.40	3115.40	3427.40
1-8-2002 along with VDA	2679.70	2845.70	3103.70	2872.70	3127.70	3439.70

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1-2-2003 along with VDA	2783.90	2949.90	3207.90	2976.90	3231.90	3543.90
1-2-2004 along with VDA	2862.90	3028.90	3286.90	3055.90	3310.90	3622.90
1-8-2004 along with VDA	2894.90	3060.90	3318.90	3087.90	3342.90	3654.90
1-2-2005 along with VDA	3044.90	3210.90	3468.90	3237.90	3492.90	3804.90
1-8-2005 along with VDA	3165.90	3331.90	3589.90	3358.90	3613.90	3925.90
1-2-2006 along with VDA	3271.00	3437.00	3695.00	3464.00	3719.00	4031.00
1-8-2006 along with VDA	3312.00	3478.00	3736.00	3505.00	3760.00	4072.00
1-2-2007 along with VDA	3470.00	3636.00	3894.00	3663.00	3918.00	4230.00
1-8-2007 along with VDA	3516.00	3682.00	3940.00	3709.00	3964.00	4276.00
1-2-2008 along with VDA	3633.00	3799.00	4057.00	3826.00	4081.00	4393.00
1-8-2008 along with VDA	3683.00	3849.00	4107.00	3876.00	4131.00	4443.00
1-2-2009 along with VDA	3934.00	4100.00	4358.00	4127.00	4382.00	4694.00
1-8-2009 along with VDA	3953.00	4119.00	4377.00	4146.00	4401.00	4713.00
1-2-2010 along with VDA	5278.00	5850.00	6448.00	5850.00	6448.00	7020.00
1-2-2011 along with VDA	6084.00	6734.00	7410.00	6734.00	7410.00	8060.00
1-4-2011 along with VDA	6422.00	7098.00	7826.00	7098.00	7826.00	8502.00

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Please refer to the notes from 91/N to 94/N. The proposal of the department to increase the margin money of FPS dealers from the existing Rs. 35/- per quintal to Rs. 100/- per quintal was examined in detail by the Finance Department. The Finance Department in its note in para 301 at page 93/N has observed that the proposal of the department appears justified. However, the Finance Department observed that as per Section 22(4)(d) of NFSA, 2013, the Central Government has to provide financial assistance to the State Government for intra-State movement of Specified Food Articles (SFAs) and for payment of margin money to FPS dealers. Therefore, Finance Department suggested that the department should pursue with the Central Government in the matter.

The matter was taken up repeatedly with the Central Government (page 468/C-467/C). In response to our communications, Sh. Deepak Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution, Government of India vide his letter dated March 13, 2014 (page 470/C-469/C) has replied that under NFSA also, it is the responsibility of the State Government to take delivery of allocated foodgrains from designated FCI depots, organize intra-State allocations for delivery of foodgrains at the door-step of each FPS and ensure supply of foodgrains to entitled persons. He has further said that the provision under Section 22(4)(d) of the Act regarding assistance to State Governments for meeting the expenditure on intra-State movement and handling of foodgrains and FPS dealers' margin, as per norms and manner to be decided by the Central Government, is only meant to provide support in meeting the expenditure on above items. This does not imply that State Governments which have started implementation of the Act should postpone the expenditure on above items till the norms are decided by the Central Government, and thereby hamper smooth functioning of TPDS and implementation of the Act. He has also observed that the Government of NCT of Delhi was accordingly advised vide our letter dated 12th February, 2014 that pending finalization of norms by the Central Government, the expenditure should be borne by the State Government.

In para 8 of his letter Sh. Deepak Kumar, Joint Secretary has said that "it is once again clarified that primarily, it is the responsibility of GNCT of Delhi to make payment of margin money to FPS dealers either at the existing rate fixed by it or some other rate considered reasonable. The role of the Central Government is limited to provide assistance to GNCT of Delhi in meeting such expenditure as per norms and manner to be decided under Section 22(4)(d) of the Act. It is, therefore, reiterated that till the norms for assistance to State Governments for meeting the expenditure on FPS dealers' margin are decided, the expenditure should be met by the State Government out of its own resources".

As stated above, under NFSA, it is the responsibility of the State Government to ensure supply of foodgrains to entitled persons. The matter was also discussed with him at length in a meeting held on 21.03.2014 at 03.00 pm at Krishi Bhawan. During discussions, he told that the Central Government will have no role in fixing the margin money. A call on the same is to be taken by the State Government. The Central Government will share the cost partially. In the Writ Petition (C) titled Delhi Sarkari Ration Dealer Sangh and Another Vs Union of India and Government of NCT of Delhi filed in the Delhi High Court, the Central Government has submitted that they would take about six months to frame the rules for providing financial assistance to the State Governments under Section 22(4)(d) of the Act.

weeded out 1.62 lakhs ration cards saving 6379.9 MT of foodgrains per month. Moreover, from July 2014, the department has partially stopped disbursement of ration to 8.89 lakh APL(Stamped) ration card holders who have not come forward to avail benefits of food security. Further scrutiny of these ration cards is going on and a large number of these are likely to be bogus and will be eliminated. The department has also conducted raids on the FPS as well as it has discretely followed the trucks carrying PDS to detect diversion of foodgrains by the transporters. In the last 4 months itself, the department has registered 38 FIRs.

The department is also intending to take help of information technology to prevent diversion. This includes putting in place GPS-RFID based vehicle tracking system to track the vehicles deployed for transporting foodgrains from FCI godowns to FPS. For this, tender has already been floated and the system is likely to be in place in next three months. Another intervention proposed by the department is installation of Point of Sale(PoS) device in all the FPS which will be connected directly through the internet to the main server and ration will be disbursed after biometric identification of the beneficiary. For this project also, bid document has been prepared and has been cleared by the Department of Information Technology and is being submitted to the Finance Department for approval. These steps will effectively curb the diversion of foodgrains.

Due to the steps taken by the department to curb diversion of foodgrains and also due to low margin money, a number of FPS licensees have started tendering their resignation. At the margin of just Rs. 35 per quintal, running an FPS is not viable. It is likely that more shopkeepers will tender their resignation in future if the margin money is not enhanced. Besides this, the shopkeepers are continuously protesting against the low margin money and they have even threatened not to deposit the bank drafts to lift the SFAs. If an appropriate decision is not taken on increasing the margin money, the PDS supply may be interrupted very soon and the system may collapse. As the food security is now a legal right, any interruption in the supply may lead to legal complications and also financial liability on the part of the government.

As far as Government of India concerned, it has made clear during the discussions with the Joint Secretary, Department of Food & Public Distribution that fixing the FPS margin is the sole prerogative of State Governments and the Government of India will not prescribe any margin money. As far as justification for enhancing margin money to Rs. 100 per quintal is concerned, there is a detailed justification from the perspective of making an FPS viable. Any comparison with other States/Cities may not be helpful in this matter because the FPS are being run for earning livelihood and viability of the business should be the sole criteria.

It is, therefore, requested that the matter may kindly be re-examined in the light of the aforesaid submissions and the proposal of the department to increase the margin money of FPS dealers from the existing Rs. 35/- per quintal to Rs. 100/- per quintal may kindly be concurred to.

(S. S. Yadav)
Secretary-cum-Commissioner
01.07.2014

ANNEXURE - 1

DELHI SARKKARI RASHAN DEALERS SANGH-DELHI

DETAIL OF ZONE WISE FPS (FAIR PRICE SHOP) ALLOCATION OF WHEAT AND RICE FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER -2014

S.NO.	ZONE NAME	FPS HAVING ALLOCATION BETWEEN 0-50 QUANTAL	FPS HAVING ALLOCATION BETWEEN 50-100 QUANTAL	FPS HAVING ALLOCATION BETWEEN 100-200 QUANTAL	FPS HAVING ALLOCATION BETWEEN 200-300 QUANTAL	FPS HAVING ALLOCATION ABOVE 300 QUANTAL	TOTAL FPS IN ZONE	REMARKS
1	CENTRAL	25	62	74	19	1	181	
2	EAST	43	85	110	20	1	259	
3	NEW DELHI	51	51	41	7	0	150	
4	WEST	50	77	135	32	1	295	
5	NORTH EAST	55	138	138	21	4	356	
6	NORT WEST	32	40	157	64	13	306	
7	NORTH	29	64	93	25	7	218	
8	SOUTH	52	120	123	6	0	301	
9	SOUTH WEST	28	126	140	25	6	325	
	TOTAL	365	763	1011	219	33	2391	
A	PERCENTAGE (%) OF ALLOCATION FOR FPS'S	15.27%	31.91%	42.28%	9.16%	1.38%	100%	
B	MAXIMUM INCOME OF FAIR PRICE SHOP @70 P. QTL.	Rs.3500/-	Rs.7000/-	Rs.14000/-	Rs.21000/-	Rs.28000/-		MONTHLY INCOME EXCLUDING ALL EXPENSES OF FPS

*ABOVE MENTION DATA MAY BE CONFIRMED FROM THE DEPARTMENTAL WEBSITE - <http://nfs.delhi.gov.in/Citizen/FPSWiseAllocation.aspx?type=Mg==>

* ABOVE ALLOCATION ISSUED FOR ALL BENEFICIALLY ie. APL-S / APL-JRC / APL-RCRC / BPL / AAY & FRESH NFS CARD HOLDERS

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An e-Governance Initiative to ensure Food Security to every eligible household in Delhi



Highlights

- » 1664086 Families Provided Food Security
- » 6922283 Members Provided Food Security
- » 2409 FPS to distribute Food Grains
- » 9 District Offices
- » 70 Circle Offices to manage ration cards
- » 8 PDS Godowns
- » 236736 Qtls of Wheat allocated for March 2015
- » 62249 Qtls of Rice allocated for March 2015
- » 15739 Qtls of Sugar allocated for March 2015

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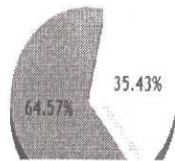
About Department

The Department was established in 1962 and discharges the important responsibilities of managing the Public Distribution of and trade and commerce in essential commodities with a view to maintain or increase supplies thereof and secure their equitable distribution and availability at fair prices by enforcing the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and various Control Orders made there under.

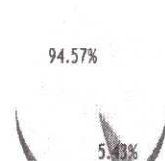
The Department is implementing NFSA 2013. The Highly subsidised Food Grains as prescribed under Act are being supplied every month to eligible households.

Allocation and Delivery Statistics

Mar, 2015 (Wheat and Rice)



Mar, 2015 (Sugar)



What's New

- » Apply Online for Food Security HouseHolds Proposed To Be Included
- » Track Food Security Application
- » Know Your Fair Price Shop (FPS)
- » View Your Ration Card Details
- » HouseHolds Provided Food Security
- » Ration Allocation Details
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