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Date: 6th MARCH 2018

TO,

Shri Anil Bajjal, IAS,
Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor,
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6/3/18
Food & Supply Office (R&I)
G.N.C.T. of Delhi,
K-Block Vikas Bhawan
New Delhi

Subject:- Representation against proposed policy decision of the Delhi Government qua closure of Fair Price Shops in Delhi and introduction of Doorstep Delivery Scheme of ration distribution to the beneficiaries through private companies/entities

Most Respectfully Showeth:

1. That the Delhi Sarkari Ration Dealers' Sangh- Delhi (DSRDS-DELHI) is a Society registered under the Society Registration Act, 1860 and works for the welfare of the Fair Price Shopkeepers as well as members of the society in Delhi. The present representation is being filed on behalf of the Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealers working under the license issued by the Food and Supplies Department of Delhi.

2. That in the year 2013, National food Security Act (NFSA) came into existence with the purpose to confer legal rights to eligible beneficiaries/households to receive entitled quantities of food grains at highly subsidized

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prices among other benefits. Now, after implementation of new targeted Public Distribution System under above Act, the every person of eligible households is entitled to receive five kilograms of food grains.

3. That at present, the entire Delhi has been covered under the New Public Distribution System (PDS) and new Ration Cards i.e. National Food Security Cards have been issued to large number of eligible households and the process is still continued. According to rough estimate, 72 lakhs beneficiaries in Delhi are receiving food grains at subsidized price under new system from approximately 2200 Fair Price Shop (FPS) dealers of Delhi. These FPSs are authorized by the Food and Supplies Department of Delhi to distribute food grains to the beneficiaries and Food Security Cards of the beneficiaries have also been linked to these shops as per departmental norms and convenience of the beneficiaries, more particularly keeping in view least distance between their residence and Fair Price Shop.

4. That National Food Security Cards issued to the beneficiaries in Delhi have now been linked with their Aadhaar number and since January, 2018, ration disbursal, through point of sale devices (e-PoS) delivered at business premises of Fair Price Shop dealers, has also been started in Delhi. Further, the iris machines- an alternative to e-PoS in case where biometric of the beneficiary/ card holder does not match- has also been made available to the FPS dealers and they are also



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operational across Delhi since March 1, 2018. All these measures have also been agreed by the FPS dealers for smooth functioning of new system as well as for the benefit of the beneficiaries so that they could not return empty-handed i.e. without taking delivery of their ration as per their entitlement due to technical reasons.

5. That despite of FPS dealers' cooperation with the Government in all respect, our society has been receiving grievances of large number of Fair Price Shop dealers through them as well as through media reports that Delhi Government is contemplating to bring an scheme for Doorstep Delivery of food grains to the beneficiaries through private companies and Fair Price shops will be closed down after implementation of the said scheme. It is submitted if the Delhi Government takes the decision for implementation of above scheme, then the livelihood of FPS dealers, their families and workers would be jeopardized. It is submitted that the FPS dealers are not against the said scheme but involvement of private companies/ entities for supply of food grains at the residence of the beneficiaries/card holders is against the interest of the FPS dealers and hence they would certainly be rendered unemployed. So, any decision for closing the function of Fair Price shops would also be against the constitutional right of the FPS dealers to earn their livelihood.

6. That recently, the commission of FPS dealers has been enhanced from 70 paise to Rs.2/- on each 1 kg sold out quantity of food grains to the beneficiaries.



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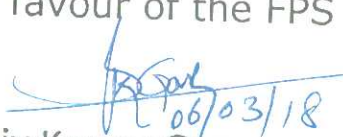
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It is submitted that FPS dealers are also capable to supply food grains at the door step of the beneficiaries more efficiently than the private companies. So, if the Government intends to implement the said scheme with the participation of the FPS dealers, the modalities such as infrastructure, appropriate monetary consideration to the FPS dealers among others may be discussed with the representatives of the above society. But it would be unfortunate step of the Delhi Government to close down the FPSs in Delhi for implement of the said scheme with the participation of the private companies/entities other than FPS dealers.

PRAYER

It is, therefore, most respectfully prayed that the Delhi Government may kindly be restrained from closing down the Fair Price Shops in Delhi and introduction of Doorstep Delivery Scheme of ration distribution to the beneficiaries through private companies.

Pass any other order if your good self may deem fit and proper in view of above facts and circumstances of the case in favour of the FPS dealers


Shiv Kumar Garg
(PRESIDENT-DSRDS Delhi)

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