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The Secretary General
Supreme Court of India
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Re: **Writ Petition (C) No.196/2001 – People's Union for Civil Liberties V/S Union of India and Ors.**

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India by Order dated 12.7.2006 in the aforesaid Writ Petition constituted a Committee to be headed by me to look into the maladies affecting the proper functioning of the Public Distribution System (PDS) and to suggest remedial measures.

2. Hon'ble Court's direction was initially given for the **Government of Delhi** to be followed on an all India basis.

3. The Committee thereafter submitted reports of various States/U.Ts. These are:

1. Orissa
2. Karnataka
3. Jharkhand
4. Uttarakhand
5. Andhra Pradesh
6. Bihar
7. Gujarat
8. Rajasthan
9. U.T. of Chandighr
10. Kerala
11. Haryana
12. Part reports of Tamil Nadu
13. Madhya Pradesh
14. Uttar Pradesh
15. Chhattisgarh

16. West Bengal
17. Manipur
18. Meghalaya
19. Mizoram
20. U.T. of Pudducherry
21. Maharashtra
22. Tripura
23. Assam.

4. The Committee is now submitting its Report on **Himanchal Pradesh** and **Goa**.

5. The States/U.Ts. which have yet to be visited by the Committee are:

1. Punjab
2. Jammu & Kashmir
3. Arunachal Pradesh
4. Nagaland
5. Sikkim
6. Andman & Nicobar Islands.

6. Committee is also submitting a short reports on allocation of PDS food grains to 150 poorest districts (identified as 207 by the Committee) out of 5 million tons of food grain reserved to be allocated by the Committee for the purpose. Earlier to this also Committee has submitted its reports to this aspect in the Hon'ble Court.

7. Committee has already allocated food grains to these district on a criteria worked out by the Committee in consultation with the Petitioner and the Central Government. Till 30th June 2012 food grain was allocated to the poorest districts upto October 2012 and thereafter to some more districts on request received from the State upto December 2012. Committee is now left with 8.62 lakh MT of food grain to be allocated.

8. For the purpose of computerization of PDS this Hon'ble Court constituted a High Powered Committee (HPC) , the composition of which is as under:

(i) Justice D.P. Wadhwa (Retd),
Chairman Central Vigilance Committee

Chairman

(ii) Director General, National Informatics Centre (NIC)	Member
(iii) Director General, UIDAI	Member
(iv) Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution GOI	Member
(v) Supreme Court Commissioner or his representative	Member

This Committee has had various meetings and has also submitted a Preliminary Report on Computerization.

9. Task of the Committee was extended two-folds – (1) for computerization of the whole process of distribution of PDS food grain both at supply chain as well at FPS and (2) allocation of food grain to the poorest districts or other poor segments of the society of the country.

10. Task of the Committee remains unfinished to an extent.

11. This Hon'ble Court had extended the term of the Committee till June 30, 2012. The Committee is still functioning in as much as it has issued directions for allocation of food grain out of the balance quantity of 5 million tons of food grain to be allocated by it to the districts and also answering the Parliament questions. Committee needs directions from the Hon'ble Court if it is to continue to function for some more period to complete its task or its affairs be wound up.

12. Immediate directions of the Hon'ble Court are needed for allocation of balance 8.62 lakh MT food grain and also as to how process of computerization is to be proceeded further. Directions are also required to be issued to the States to submit Action Taken Report (ATR) on the reports submitted by the Committee.

13. I would be grateful if you kindly place this letter and the reports before the Hon'ble Court as per convenience of the Hon'ble Court.

Thanking you,

Sincerely,

(Justice D.P. Wadhwa)

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