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SUBJECT-NOT PROVIDING THE INFORMATION REGARDING ISSUE OF INCOME CERTIFICATE BY TAHASILDAR CUTTACK SADAR AFTER REPEAT REMINDERS

Sir

Pls refer to the above subject where you have not provided the required information regarding issue of income certificate after repeat reminders for approx four months related to issue of RATION CARDS

UNDER NFSA AND SFSS and the RELEVANT DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FROM THE FAMILIES to avail the benefit.

It is revealed under RTI from different Panchayat Samitis like Phiringia Dist Kandhamal which is to be appreciated upto the utmost level that they have the courage and respect for RTI Act that the PIO Panchayat Samitis Phiringia has vividly explained the process for issue of RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS vide letter no 1209 dated 16 04 2022 by registered post.

It is revealed that at Block level an enquiry team is formed by the BDO including Supply Inspector/ Marketing Inspector, PEO and Jogan Sahayak of concerned Gram Panchayats.

After field verification as per Govt guidelines the RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS is issued accordingly.

It is also revealed that to get included into RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS the proof of eligibility certificates should be identified and verified by People's Representative at Block level and Urban Local Bodies etc.

It is unfortunate to see that when a small panchayat samiti can explain then what prevents you from disclosing the details of issue of income certificate which is a basic document for inclusion criteria and in Cuttack Sadar you are the competent authority for the same needs to be explained.

It is a joint venture of Tahasildar Cuttack Sadar, Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Chief Civil supply officer Cuttack, Collector Cuttack who are involved in the whole process of RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS starting from income certificate, field verification, identification, issue of Ration card, opening of PDS shops in different wards of Cuttack, uploading the data of the Ration Card holders in the website etc.

It is also to be mentioned that Govt of India has introduced this NFSA scheme for only for poverty eradication and feeding of the utmost poor and needy families of the country for which Govt of India is spending huge amount of taxpayer's money and supplying subsidized foodgrain.

It is unfortunate to see that Tahasildar Cuttack Sadar, Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Chief Civil supply officer Cuttack, Collector Cuttack are in a denial mode and hesitant to provide information which are crucial and nor available in the website like the details of the committee members including people's representative, their field verification, identification, issue of income certificate, details of number of rooms and RCC roof/wall/floor which is a major exclusion criteria, electrical load of 2 KW and average 300 units per month, families staying in rented house etc are not willfully provided in Cuttack.

There is serious apprehension of misappropriation of public funds and chance of inclusion of undeserving families barred by exclusion criteria for vote bank politics under RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS.

There is conflict of interest in the whole process starting from issue of income certificate to issue of Ration Card as the people's representative play a key role in the issue of RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS and it is a clear case of vote bank as no independent authority is involved in the whole process and the Govt officials are the followers of the Govt order and as there is no check and balance there is full apprehension of financial irregularities and siphoning of taxpayer's money.

It is observed that Govt links all its benefits to the RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS like health card, Housing facilities, pension, benefits to the children and many other schemes which is not applicable to THE MIDDLE INCOME GROUP (MIG) AS REVEALED UNDER RTI and that is the reason why there is full apprehension of compromising the exclusion criteria by unlawful means by the MIG.

It is to be mentioned that there is not a single scheme which is exclusive for MIG as Ration card is exclusive for families under NFSA AND SFSS and it is revealed under RTI by Govt of Odisha.

It is to be mentioned that the fund raised in the form of GST and other taxes are mainly collected from MIG and ironically their money is not spent on a single scheme for the benefit and welfare of their families as revealed under RTI by Govt of Odisha.

Willfully due to vote bank politics you are not providing the details asked under several representations and it shows you have something to hide and you do not want the irregularities under RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS to come to public domain.

After my repeat representations you have not provided the details of the RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS as sought in your website under ONE NATION ONE RATION and after full digitalization as claimed by Govt of India and Govt of Odisha and it is claimed that they can get their ration if enrolled in above scheme throughout India just like bank ATM.

The claim seems to be futile after seeing the scenario of Cuttack city having approx 59 wards where above mentioned four authorities of Cuttack do not reply under RTI, do not provide information sought regarding like the details of the committee members including people's representative, their field verification, identification, issue of income certificate, details of number of rooms and RCC roof/wall/floor which is a major exclusion criteria, electrical load of 2 KW and average 300 units per month, families staying in rented house etc are not willfully provided in Cuttack.

Under the circumstances it is inferred based on facts that Govt is pro poverty and schemes are designed in a manner that people are encouraged to remain poor for generations at least on paper to avail all the schemes under RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS and continue to vote them to power and there is no incentive for poverty stricken families as claimed to come out of the vicious circle of poverty.

IT IS SURPRISING THAT DUE TO FAULTY POLICY OF THE GOVT THE MIG GROUP IS INDIRECTLY ENCOURAGED TO JOIN SCHEMES UNDER RATION CARD UNDER NFSA AND SFSS AND GRADUALLY WE ARE MOVING TOWARDS TWO GROUPS THAT IS HAVE AND HAVE NOTS AND THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUP.

THERE IS CLEAR APPREHENSION THAT SUCH TYPE OF FAULTY RATION CARD SCHEMES UNDER NFSA AND SFSS IS NOT IN NATIONAL INTEREST AND IS A CLEAR CASE OF VOTE BANK APPEASEMENT POLITICS WHERE WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTIBILITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TAXPAYER'S MONEY IS DISTRIBUTED WITHOUT CHECK AND BALANCE LIKE NGOS AND NGOS ALSO HAVE CHECK FROM THE GOVT BUT IN THIS CASE THAT IS ALSO ABSENT AND ONLY COURT INTERVENTION CAN STOP IT IN NATIONAL INTEREST.

PERHAPS WE ARE HEADING TOWARDS BANKRUPTCY LIKE SRI LANKA IF SUCH SCHEMES PROLONG WITHOUT CHECK AND BALANCE IN THE NAME OF POVERTY ERADICATION WHERE FAMILIES BELONGING TO EXCLUSION CRITERIA UNDER NFSA AND SFSS GET INCLUDED FOR VOTE BANK POLITICS.

YOU HAVE NOT VERIFIED THAT AFTER SPENDING TONS OF TAXPAYER'S MONEY IN SUCH SCHEMES FOR YEARS TOGETHER WHETHER ACTUALLY POVERTY IS ERADICATED OR NOT; RATHER IT IS INCREASED BECAUSE OF FAULTY POLICY AND INCENTIVE TO REMAIN POOR.

TIME HAS COME FOR COURT INTERVENTION IN THE MATTER AS YOU AUTHORITIES HAVE MISERABLY FAILED IN PERFORMING YOUR OFFICIAL DUTY IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NFSA AND SFSS IN ITS PROPER INCLUSION AND EXCLUSION CRITERIA.

Please treat this representation as compliance to PIL guidelines as there is no other way out because you have not provided the details as sought repeatedly.

Yours faithfully

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