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Subject: *Urgent need to create space for India's millet based agriculture in the 12th financial plan and budget (2010-11) as a commitment to International Year of Biodiversity*

Honourable Mr Finance Minister,

We are addressing this letter to you in the context of your ministry's current engagement of placing a set of annual budget priorities before the Indian Parliament. As you have articulated time and again, a budget is not just a statement of financial allocations but also a testament of the government's resolve to address the impending challenges facing the country.

We would, therefore, wish to draw your kind attention to the critical problems of food and farming faced by India today. The current trends show that the per capita food availability in India has actually decreased over the last 15 years (from 1991 to 2005), while almost 50% of children are malnourished and 75% of women suffer from anemia. This puts our country in the unenviable 125th position in the Human Development Index, a stigma we could surely do away with! Is there a way out of this crisis? And how do we find it?

The Millet Network of India [MINI], an alliance spread over 17 states in India urges you, in this context, to take a visionary position towards India's future of food and farming. The UPA government had sought to address this reality through the promise of a National Food Security Act. This promise of your government has raised the nation's expectations sky high. The *MINI*, a network of over 145 institutions and individuals, composed of farmers, scientists, nutritionists, grassroots activists and environmentalists fondly hopes that the Food Security Act will expand the canvas wider and address both the food and farming issues simultaneously, since both of them are inextricably linked with

each other. We would like to argue as to how millets can offer a very important solution to both these issues.

As your government is rightly aware, the strengthening of the Public Distribution System (PDS) will be the backbone of any effort to get out of the food crisis facing the country. However, the PDS system as well as any process towards ensuring food security can become sustainable only if local farming priorities are allowed to lead such efforts. Any food security policy in India must also seriously address the nutritional insecurity of the most vulnerable sections of our population. We, at the *Millet Network of India* strongly believe that the inclusion of millets within this system should get the top priority. We believe so, because millets bring with them six critical securities: food, fodder, health, nutrition, water and ecological. In order to offer a detailed explanation on this, we are herewith enclosing a booklet and a film that provide the basis of our contention.

Very specifically the following are our demands:

1. **Include Millets in the public food systems of India:** Different parts of India grow different kinds of millets. Rajasthan along with a large part of 'Rainfed India' cultivates Pearl Millet [Bajra]. Deccan plateau [Marathwada in Maharashtra, Telangana in Andhra Pradesh and North Karnataka in Karnataka] is well known for the production of sorghum. Southern Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Southern Karnataka, Orissa and Himalayas are the home of Finger millet [Ragi]. Uttarakhand and other hill and tribal areas cultivate a range of small millets such as Foxtail, Proso, Kodo and Barnyard.

These grains, cultivated in the least-endowed dryland areas of India must be seen from the perspective of their potential to contribute to our fight against hunger, poverty and the climate crisis. Their capacity to grow on the poorest soils, without irrigation and under low rainfall conditions, and their capacity to offer extraordinary nutrition make them the 'New Age Answer' to the New Age Crisis such as Climate Change, and the foremost food and farming system in our country.

In order to incentivise this unique farming system, a new policy should emerge by putting millets in the PDS and other public food programmes such as ICDS, Food For Work and School Meals. Millets in the PDS can begin with an introduction of five kgs of millets of the present quota of 25 kgs of rice/wheat in the year 2010 and gradually be increased to at least

50% by the year 2020. Efforts must also be made to introduce millet meals twice a week in the ICDS, school mid-day meals programme, in the welfare hostel diet and such other schemes of the government.

The new millet based PDS must also ensure local community level procurement, storage and distribution, which in turn will enable us to save huge the food miles that go into transporting food from the area of production to the area of consumption.

2. Honouring Millet Farmers

As the ‘Climate Crisis’ intensifies, it is likely that rice and wheat will become unviable as food security crops. With the projected increase of 2 degree Celsius in temperature in the near future, wheat will disappear from the farming scene. Rice varieties which need standing water for their cultivation are the most dangerous emitters of methane, a green-house gas; as such, farming rice on the present scale will be impossible in the near future! In such a scenario, millets will be the saviour of our food and farming systems.

Therefore, it is time that we recognise the ecological role played by the dryland millet based mixed farming systems and announce monetary incentives to the millet farmers for their role in biodiversity conservation, water conservation and sustaining solutions against climate change. A new and urgent focus on watersheds needs to evolve. Such a new focus should compel a move from the current watershed+ approach to a “Green Water” based watershed programme which restrains drawing of groundwater for agriculture at the end of a watershed cycle and emphasises soil moisture enhancement and non-irrigated farming systems. In particular, we strongly recommend a new targeted fillip to millet-based biodiverse cropping systems.

By saving on the current subsidies on chemical fertilizers [which reportedly stood at Rs.140000 crores in 2008] and power [for lifting groundwater for agriculture], the finances needed for millet bonuses can be realized. Further, such incentives can also rescue farmers from their current desperate reliance on high external input agriculture and move them to low input organic and biodiverse farming, thereby finding a lasting solution for the agrarian crisis that has been haunting India for the last decade, leading to thousands of farmer suicides every year.

The budgets of the last two years have continued to recognize the failures of the large scale Accelerated Irrigation Development Schemes as well as the impacts of fertilizers. Yet, the budget allocations have continued to fund and subsidize these resource-guzzling agendas whose achievements have lagged far behind their proclaimed goals.. There are reports of the CAG and other GoI evaluations that would add weight to what we say above.

This is where we look for a shift (even if slow), which seeks steps to draw up and renew our focus in shaping a food security system that provides suitable support for the small and marginal farmers, especially in the dryland regions. Millet based biodiverse farming is at the core of these agricultural landscapes. The year 2010, being the International Year of Biodiversity, profoundly demands this eminent initiative from the Government of India.

This letter is endorsed by farmers, scientists, development academics and civil society activists from the states of Delhi, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra - the major millet growing states of India.

We also need to bring to your attention that 22 Member of Parliament; 13 Members of Legislative Assembly/Council; 16 Panchayat Presidents; 26 Doctors/ Nutrition; 53 Scientists/ Academicians and thousands of farmers, farmer groups, civil society members and consumer groups have already endorsed the cause of millets which includes their inclusion in the PDS and biodiversity bonus that we have listed in this letter to you.

We look forward to your response and will be willing to work with the government to take this issue forward

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Rajasthan	2. Shri. Man Ram Choudhary, Joint Director, Agriculture		Jodhpur
Rajasthan	3. Shri. Sita Ram Kumar, Asst. Professor	Agricultural Research Station (SKRAU), Mandor	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	4. Dr. N. K. Durvedi, Principal Scientist	NBPGR	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	5. Dr. Vinod Kataria, Associate Professor	Jai Narian Vyas University	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	6. Dr. Narpat Singh, Professor & Head Botany	Jai Narian Vyas University	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	7. Dr. Meenakshi Mathur, Associate Professor in Home Science	Jai Narian Vyas University	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	8. Dr. M. P Rajora, Senior Scientist,	CAZRI	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	9. Dr. B. R. Choudhary, Plant Breador	ARS mandor	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	10. Dr. G. N. Parihar, Prof of Agronomy	SKRAU, Bikanur	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	11. Dr. Anukar Saxena, Sr. Scientist	CAZRI	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	12. D.V. Singh, Sr. Scientist (Agronomy)	CAZRI,	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	13. Dr. Arun Kumar, Principal Scientist,	CAZRI,	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	14. Dr. Rampal Jangir, Prof. Agronomy	SKRAU, Bikanur	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	15. Dr. V. K. Manga, Principal Scientist		
Rajasthan	16. Prathibha Bohra, Asst. Professor	Pushtikhar Mahila Maha Vidyalyaya	
Rajasthan	17. Dr. Kunjan Trivedi, Associate Prof.	JNV University	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	18. K. K. Mangal, Asst. Director Agriculture		Jodhpur
Rajasthan	19. Dr. M. C. Bohra, Associate Professor,	ARS Mandor	Bikanur
Rajasthan	20. Dr. Man Mohan Sundria, Assistant Professor	ARS Mandor	Bikanur
Rajasthan	21. Dr. M. S. Rathor, Assoc. Professor	ARS Mandor	Bikanur
Rajasthan	22. Dr. Ishwar Singh, Assistant Prof.	Rajasthan Agricultural University	Bikanur
Rajasthan	23. Dr. Z. S. Sdankar, Professor & Zonal Director	SKRAU, Mandor	Jodhpur

Rajasthan	24. Dr. Om Prakash yadav, Principal Scientist,	CAZRI	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	25. Dr. Pradeep Kumar, Scientist	Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	26. Dr. T. K. Bhatia, Principal Scientist,	Central Arid Zone Research Institute	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	27. Dr. T. S. Rajpurohit, Assoc. Professor	ARS Mandor	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	28. Dr. G. Ram Kheswa, Assoc. Prof	Rajasthan Agricultural University	Bikanur
Rajasthan	29. Dr. Mahendra Phulwaria, Post Doc. Fellow	Dept. of Botany, JNVU	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	30. Dr. Mahendra Singh Rathore, Post. Doc. Fellow	Biotechnology Unit, JNVU	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	31. Dr. S. Sundara Murthy, Assoc. Professor, Botany	JNVU,	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	32. Dr. Usha Kothari, Co- ordinator & Asst. professor		
Rajasthan	33. Dr. Het Ram Bishndi, Asst. Prof	SKRAU,	Bikanur
Rajasthan	34. Dr. Devi Singh Bhat,	SKRAU	
Rajasthan	35. Bagh Singh Ruthor, Assoc. Prof.	ARS, Manodr	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	36. Dr. Malam Singh Chadrawet, Assoc. Professor	SKRAU,	
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Karnataka	38. Dr. B. K. Narayana Swamy, Professor & Head	Dept. of Agrl. Extension, UAS, GKVK,	Bangalore
Karnataka	39. Dr. Sharanappa, Professor of Agronomy	UAS, GKVK,	Bangalore
Karnataka	40. Dr. Rame Gowda, Professor of Seed Science & Technology	Dept. of Seed Science & Technology, UAS, GKVK	Bangalore
Karnataka	41. Mr. M. S. Sheshshayee, Associate Professor	UAS, GKVK	Bangalore
Karnataka	42. Dr. Kamal G. Nath, Professor	UAS, GKVK	Bangalore
Karnataka	43. Dr. Sharan Angadi, Head of Breeding	Nunhems India,	
Karnataka	44. Atthihally Devraj, Members Board Regents	UAS,	Bangalore
Karnataka	45. Mr. K. C. Shankare Gowda, Member Board of Regents	UAS	Bangalore
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Rajasthan	50. Pramila Sisodia, Lecturer	Govt. Girls Sen-Sec School Raj Mahal	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	51. Chetan Rana,	Rajhans Computer Coaching Centre	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	52. Manohar Ram, Phd.Scholar		Jodhpur
Rajasthan	53. Ravindra Singh Bhati,		Jodhpur
(6) Civil Societies / Farmer Groups/ Consumer Group			
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Karnataka	1. Mr. Mallikarjuna, Director,	Dhanya, Sadashivnagar	Tumkur
Karnataka	2. Mr. T.V. Umesh Kumar, Secretary	Mahathma Gandhi Rural Devpt. & Youth Welfare Centre,	Tumkur
Karnataka	3. Mr. Srinivasamurthy, Chief Functionary	SWARDS, Badavanahalli	Tumkur
Karnataka	4. Mr. Shivashankar Mattihalli,	RTRDS,	Tumkur
Karnataka	5. Mr. G. V. Raghu, Project Director	ORDER, Sri Shivakumara Krupa	Tumkur
Karnataka	6. Mr. K. Mallikarjun,	BAIF Institute for Rural Development, Siddaganga Extn.,	Tumkur
Karnataka	7. Mr. Hulikadu Savayava, Krishikara Koota,	Byluru	Chamarajnagar
Karnataka	8. Mr. Punya Koti Savayava, Krishikara Sanga	Keredoddi	Chamrajanagar
Karnataka	9. Ms. Laxmamma, Paravathi Mahila Sanga,	Byluru	Chamarajnagar
Karnataka	10. Mr. Nagaraju, President	Maruti Savayava Krishi Samaj,	Tumkur
Karnataka	11. Mr. Sranitha Raju, Kanaka Savayava Krishi Parivara	Byadagi	Haveri
Karnataka	12. Samruddi Savayava Krushi Parivaara	Chikkanayakanahalli Taluk	Tumkur
Karnataka	13. Sri Arunodaya Purusha Swashaya Group	Taveragara	Koppal
Karnataka	14. Mr. D. R. Basavaraj, Mandagari Savayava Krishi Parivara	Madhugiri	Tumkur
Nagaland	15. Mr. Khazi Lea, President	Farmers Union, Pfutsero	Phek
Karnataka	16. Dr. Siddagangaiah Holathal, Professor of English	Kalpatarm Educational Society	Tiptur
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Karnataka	19. Mr. C. T. Thimmappa,	Kurubarahalli,	Tumkur
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Karnataka	21. Mr. Sannaiha	Kundapanahalli	Tumkur
Karnataka	22. Mr. Guruswamy	Kundapnahalli	Tumkur
Karnataka	23. Mr. Jagadesh	Doddayannagere,	Tumkur
Karnataka	24. Mr. Hanumantha Rayappa	Doddayannagere	Tumkur
Rajasthan	25. Gurmeet Singh Sethi, Manager Sales	Tata Fiat Motors	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	26. Mr. Laxmi Narayan Bhati,	Jethmal & Sons	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	27. Mr. Gehlot Agrl. Travel		Jodhpur
Rajasthan	28. Dr. Deepak	Vibha Seeds Company	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	29. Dr. Rajendra Sinha	Kshetra Prabhandak	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	30. Mr. Mahendra Pal Jey	Agha Seed Business	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	31. Mr. Agra San Gehlot	Anupam Krishi	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	32. Mr. Thakur Das Maheshwari	Mahesh Trading Company	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	33. Mr. H. K. Sharma, Sr. Area Manager,	IFFCO	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	34. Mr. Ramprasad Maheshwari		Jodhpur
Rajasthan	35. Mr. Santosh Pande,		Jodhpur
Rajasthan	36. Mr. P.K. Yadav	Railways	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	37. Mr. Kanwar Singh	From Exserviceman Society	Jodhpur
Rajasthan	38. Mr. Raj Kumar Yadav, Advocate		Jodhpur
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Shri. Mukul Wasnik, Minister of Social justice & Empowerment
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