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Department of Consumer Affairs

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 11th May, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month April, 2022
in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs – regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith an unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2022 (**Annexure**), for use of the Cabinet, in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs.

Encl: As above.



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Monthly Summary for the month of April, 2022

The following are the important activities of the Department of Consumer Affairs carried out during the month of April, 2022:

1. Consumer Protection:

1.1 During the month, E-daakhil portal has started in Kerala. With this, the total number of the States/UTs which have launched e-filing portal has reached to 31 + NCDRC.

1.2 A meeting was held with officials of NIC and NICS I to review the CONFONET scheme. It has been decided to approach the e-Courts Committee of Hon'ble Supreme Court to adopt their systems for the Consumer Commissions.

1.3 A new 4-digit short code has been acquired by DoCA for the National Consumer Helpline, in addition to the existing toll free Number 1800-11-4000. 60 new seats have been set up to cater to calls in regional languages w.e.f. 01 May 2022. Further, Department is in process of acquiring a new SIM ending with 1915 for ease of memorising and popularizing the Helpline number among consumers.

2. Price Monitoring:

2.1 A meeting of CoS under the chairmanship of Cabinet Secretary was held on 14 April 2022 wherein the Department presented status of action taken on CoM decisions and prices scenario in respect of pulses and vegetables (onion, potato and tomato).

2.2 The approval of CoM was obtained for the proposal of DAHD for allowing import of 5.5 LMT of GM Soya Meal till 30 September 2022.

2.3 Agriwatch's weekly presentation made to Secy (DoCA) covers the prices, production, yield and import & export scenario of five pulses (gram, tur, urad, moong and chana), and three vegetables (onion, potato and tomato).

2.4 Price trends for the month of April, 2022 over March, 2022 for all India monthly average retail prices as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States/UTs are given at **Annexure-I**.

3. Price Stabilization Fund:

3.1 A Video Conference was held with State Governments on 22 April 2022 to review the status of utilisation of funds and proposals of State Level Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF)

3.2 Rs. 50 crore Released to NAFED from PSF for procurement of 2.50 LMT Rabi 2022 Onion for Buffer Stock.

3.3 Rs. 200 crore Released to NAFED as 3rd instalment for procurement of 1 LMT imported Masoor under PSF.

3.4 Rs. 83.05 crore Released as differential payment for 1.20 LMT Gram transferred from PSS to PSF

3.5 Rs.0.25 crore released to SFAC as 2nd and final instalment of Admin Expenses.

4. Bureau of Indian Standards:

4.1 A webinar was organized by BIS in collaboration with Innomantra on Reinventing Organization for Innovation on IS/ISO 56000 Series on, 06 April 2022.

4.2 A virtual meeting was organised under my Chairmanship on 13 April 2022 on the subject of Battery Swap and Interoperability standards. Total 51 participants attended the meeting. In this meeting concerns of Industry and Industry Associations were discussed on development of Indian Standards on LEV Battery Swap.

4.3 BIS organised a virtual interaction on 19 April 2022 with the academic institutes with whom BIS has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for collaboration in the field of standardization and conformity assessment. DG (BIS) addressed the officials of the Institutes on the need to strengthen the engagement in standardization chair.

4.4 353 new licences were granted to domestic manufacturers. In addition, 30,842 licences granted to domestic manufacturers and 45 to foreign manufacturers were renewed.

4.5 Patna Lab has created test facilities as per IS 1417:2016 & IS 1418:2009, test facility for IS 9873 (Part1):2017 has been created by Southern Regional Lab, CL-1 has created test facility for Clause 4.6 of IS 4151 & IS 9973 and

Western Regional Lab has created new test facility for IS 14927(Part2), IS 302(Part 2/Sec14) & IS 366.

4.6 Under the Hallmarking scheme, 1130 new jewellers have been registered, and 24 new A&H centres have been recognized during the month.

4.7 'Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts (Amendment) Order, 2022' has been notified by the Central Government on 04 April 2022 vide which number of districts for mandatory hallmarking have been increased from 256 to 288. The order shall also cover all grades covered under IS 1417 i.e, 14k, 18k, 20k, 22k, 23k and 24k. This order shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of June, 2022.

5. Ease of doing business:

For ease of doing business the needful steps were taken to do the ground work on the workshop on the Legal Metrology Act, 2009. The meeting/workshop is approved by the Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & PD and shall be held on 09 May 2022.

6. Time Dissemination:

A meeting on Time Dissemination project was held during the Month of April, 2022 to apprise the status of the Project by NPL and ISRO.

7. ACC directions:

The post of Senior Economic Adviser is vacant since 17.7.2021 after relieving of Ms. Rupa Dutta. The same has to be filled by D/o Economic Affairs being a cadre controlling authority for the post. Hence, no ACC direction is pending with Department.

Prices of Essential Commodities – Trend over the past month:

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 179 centres across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of State Government/UTs are compiled and average retail prices for the month of April, 2022 over March, 2022 are given below:-

All India Monthly Average Retail Prices of Essential Commodities (₹/kg)

S.No	Commodity	April, 2022	March, 2022	Difference (In ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	36	36	0
2	Wheat	29	29	0
3	Atta	32	32	0
4	Gram Dal	74	75	-1
5	Tur Dal	103	103	0
6	Urad Dal	105	105	0
7	Moong Dal	103	102	1
8	Masoor Dal	96	97	-1
9	Sugar	41	41	0
10	Milk(per ltr)	51	51	0
11	Groundnut Oil	189	185	4
12	Mustard Oil	189	192	-3
13	Vanaspati	157	152	5
14	Soya oil	166	160	6
15	Sunflower Oil	183	176	7
16	Palm Oil	150	146	4
17	Gur	48	48	0
18	Tea loose	284	286	-2
19	Salt Pack	19	19	0
20	Potato	21	21	0
21	Onion	26	32	-6
22	Tomato	27	23	4

Source: State Civil Supplies Departments.