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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution  
(Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi

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

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith an Annexure, unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the month of January, 2022 for the Cabinet, in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs, for information.

Encl: As above.



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

The following are the important activities of the department of Consumer Affairs during the month of January, 2022.

**1. Price Stabilization Fund(PSF):**

- (a) Rs.265 Crore released to NAFED as 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment for Import of Masur under Price Stabilization Fund(PSF).
- (b) Rs. 92.37 crore released to NAFED for Procurement of 2LMT Onion Under PSF during FY 2021-22, Rabi -2021.
- (c) Price trends for the month of January, 2022 over December, 2021 for all India monthly average retail prices as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States/UTs are given at **Annexure-I**

**2. Consumer Protection:**

During the month, E-dakhil portal started in Manipur and Rajasthan for filing of consumer complaints. With this, the total number of the States/UTs which have launched e-filing portal is 26. The National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) is already receiving consumer complaints through e- Daakhil portal.

**3. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):**

3.1 A consultation meeting with pashmina stakeholders was held on 19 January, 2022 on setting up of a pashmina testing facility with latest equipments. BIS has issued an IS standard for testing pashmina at par with global standards.

3.2 BIS organized 5th meeting of JTC 1AA/G 11/AHG 9 DDI ICTRA on 21st January, 2022. The AHG was established to review Indian Standard IS 18000 for its suitability for adoption as an ISO/IEC standard and the group is led by Indian experts. The meeting reviewed and discussed the draft NP (Form 4) on 'Unified Digital Infrastructure ICT Reference Architecture for Smart Cities' (based on IS 18000) to be submitted from India.

3.3 BIS attended a meeting of Cement Manufacturers Association (CMA) with Shri Piyush Goyal, Honourable Minister of Textiles, Commerce and Industry and Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, held on 24th January, 2022 to discuss the issue related to HDPE/PP Cement Bags and Standard Sand for Testing.

3.4 373 new licences were granted to domestic manufacturers and one licence was granted to foreign manufacturers. In addition, 23,337 licences were granted to domestic manufacturers and 42 licences to foreign manufacturers were renewed.

3.5 Under the Compulsory Registration Scheme, 394 new registrations were granted, 844 inclusions and 318 renewals were completed in the month of January, 2022. The number of operative registrations was 19363 during the month.

3.6 Under the Hallmarking scheme, 3240 new jewellers have been registered, and 33 new A&H centres have been recognized during the month. Also, one training programme was

conducted for BIS Officers from 12 to 14 January, 2022 where a total of 25 personnel attended the training programme.

3.7 BIS officials made a presentation on Conformity Assessment Scheme for Milk & Milk Products during a meeting held on 14 January 2022 under the Chairmanship of Smt. Varsha Joshi, Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry (DAHD), which was also attended by other senior officers of DAHD and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

3.8 On 06 January, 2022, BIS celebrated the Platinum Jubilee of completion of its 75 Years of existence. A Special Cover was released to commemorate this occasion by the Postal Department.

3.9 To commemorate Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav, a webinar on 'Collective Journey from Independence to Atmanirbhar in Quality' and three programmes on Standards Club Activity in Schools/ Colleges were organized by BIS during the month of January, 2022.

#### **4. Special Campaign for cleanliness drive:**

Department is actively undertaking cleanliness campaigns in the Department and all its attached and subordinate organisations. It is regularly updating status of VIP references, Parliamentary Assurance, State Govt. references, Public Grievances, Record Management (Files), on the portal of Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances. Details are as under:

4.1 **Digitization of files:** Agency hired for scanning of files have scanned more than 600,000 pages comprising a total of 3639 files. 43,807 files and registers were weeded out.

4.2 **Workstations and furniture:** Two Sections have been modernized with modular office furniture. Other Sections/Units are also being covered in a phased manner to provide new furniture of uniform configuration.

4.3 **Cleanliness of toilets:** The Coordination Committee headed by JS(Adm), D/o. Agriculture & FW has allotted Fifth floor of H wing and HE-Washroom for maintaining cleanliness to this department. A supervisory team inspects the quality of cleanliness maintained in 5th floor H wing and its toilet.

4.4 **Sprucing up of office premises:** CPWD has been instructed to replace all light fittings with LED lamps. White washing of rooms, polishing of doors/fixtures and concealment of wires of various utilities has also been carried out.

5. **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 on daily basis mainly through Mobile app. enabling their dissemination through the Department's website on real time-time basis. are compiled and average retail prices for the month of January, 2022 over December, 2021 are given below:-

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

Sl.No	Commodity	January, 2022 (latest)	December, 2021 (previous) month)	Difference (In ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	35	35	0
2	Wheat	28	28	0
3	Atta	31	31	0
4	Gram Dal	75	75	0
5	Tur Dal	102	103	-1
6	Urad Dal	106	107	-1
7	Moong Dal	102	102	0
8	Masoor Dal	97	97	0
9	Sugar	41	42	-1
10	Milk(per ltr)	50	50	0
11	Groundnut Oil	180	181	-1
12	Mustard Oil	185	187	-2
13	Vanaspati	138	138	0
14	Soya oil	148	151	-3
15	Sunflower Oil	162	164	-2
16	Palm Oil	128	130	-2
17	Gur	48	49	-1
18	Tea loose	287	287	0
19	Salt Pack	19	18	1
20	Potato	21	24	-3
21	Onion	35	35	0
22	Tomato	35	54	-19

**Source: State Civil Supplies Departments.**