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

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**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month June, 2021 in
respect of Department of Consumer Affairs – regarding.**

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of June, 2021 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information.



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Monthly Summary for the month of June, 2021

Important activities/decisions of the department of Consumer Affairs during the month of June, 2021.

1. Augmenting availability of Pulses:

1.1 An MoU was signed for an import quota of 50,000 MT of Tur from Malawi on June 16, 2021 and 1.5 LMT of Tur and 2.5 LMT of Urad from Myanmar on June 18, 2021. Prior to this, a meeting was held on June 11, 2021 with the High Commissioners of Mozambique, Tanzania, Malawi, Kenya and Sudan along with representatives from Ministry of External Affairs for augmenting supply of pulses through imports from these countries.

2. Easing of Import restrictions on Pulses:

2.1 In a major policy decision, the Government shifted Tur, Urad and Moong out of the Restricted Category w.e.f. May 15, 2021 and up to October 31, 2021, so as to enhance domestic availability of pulses and thus moderate the prices. Meetings with importers were held jointly with DGFT to address relevant issues. The Department convened weekly meetings with the concerned agencies - Customs, FSSAI and Plant Protection & Quarantine (DACFW) - to review the progress of clearance of consignments.

2.2 The status of declaration of pulses stocks on the designated portal, was monitored on a regular basis and requisite follow-up was done with the States/UTs where stock declaration was seen to be sluggish. From 4226 entities who had declared 14.86 LMT of stocks as on May 31, 2021, the number increased to 7369 entities who declared 24.91 LMT of stocks as on June 30,

2021. Over the month, there was a decline in retail prices of all pulses, except Masur; consistent decline was observed in the prices of Tur and Moong while Gram and Urad recorded slight increase in mid-June and subsequent decline thereafter.

3. Indian Standards for Ethanol based fuel:

3.1 Indian Standards for Ethanol based fuel 'IS 17586: 2021 –E12 and E15 Fuel- Admixture of Anhydrous Ethanol and Motor Gasoline- for Positive Ignited Engine Powered Vehicles – Specification' were notified by Bureau of Indian Standards on June 3, 2021. These standards are expected to boost setting up of additional ethanol distillation capacities across the country.

4. Hallmarking of Jewellery:

4.1 The Department issued a notification regarding implementation of Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020 in phases, across the country. In the first phase, Hallmarking has been made mandatory for 14, 18 and 22 carats of gold jewelry & artefacts in 256 districts which presently have at least one Assaying & Hallmarking Centre. Going forward, Mandatory hallmarking of gold Jewellery would benefit consumers, by ensuring the purity of gold ornaments.