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No. R- 11016/2/2015-P&C Government of India Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food &Public Distribution (Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi Dated 24th July, 2018

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month June, 2018 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs – regarding.

Please find enclosed as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month **June**, **2018** in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information. Hindi version will follow.

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- 1. PIO/Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
- 2. Secretary to Vice- President.
- 3. Cabinet Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.
- 4. Secretaries to the Government of India. (As per the list)
- 5. Chairmen, Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, New Delhi.
- 6. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.

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

The following are the important activities of Department of Consumer Affairs during the **month of June, 2018**:

1. National Level meeting:

4th National Consultation Meeting of Ministers of States & UTs in-charge of Food, Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs & Agriculture was held on 29th June, 2018 at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting was attended by 14 State Ministers. Action Plan for next one year was also prepared for strengthening of Price Reporting Centres, management of Price Stabilization Fund for market intervention, enforcement of Essential Commodities Act & Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities, 1980 (PBMMSEC), effective functioning of Consumer Fora, Consumer Helplines, and timely utilization of funds for consumer welfare schemes.

2. NCCF:

- A show-cause notice under Section 123 of the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act was issued to the Board of NCCF as to why the Board may not be superseded and an administrator be appointed to manage the affairs of the society. The resultant court case was successfully contested in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi which allowed more time to the Board members to file their objections.
- A report was sent to CVC with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for investigation by an independent agency like CBI into the enrolment of new societies/share transactions entered into by NCCF with NAFED etc. with a view to dilute government shareholding and take control of the society illegally.
- A report was sent to ACC with approval of Hon'ble Minister summarizing the role of the main officers/persons concerned in case of irregularities in NCCF and action initiated against them.

3. Appointment of new members in NCDRC:

For filling up the posts of Member in NCDRC, a proposal was sent for obtaining approval of ACC to the appointment of 6 candidates recommended by the Searchcum-Selection Committee. ACC gave approval to fill the 3 vacancies of Non-Judicial members and one vacancy of judicial member. The new members have since joined.

4. Removal of stock limits:

Order empowering States/UTs to impose controls including Stock Limits on Edible Oils and Edible Oilseeds has been withdrawn vide Notification dated 13th June 2018.

5. Pulses Buffer Stock:

- As on 29.06.2018, the available stock in the pulses buffer is 11.25 lakh MT after disposal of 9.25 lakh MT from 20.50 lakh tonnes procured/imported.
- The major decisions taken in the meeting of the PSFMC, held on 14th June 2018 are:-
 - (i) recommended disposal of additional 5 LMT pulses either through institutional/market route.
 - (ii) DAC&FW asked for creating a lien of 10 LMT on the stock of pulses procured under PSS for building the PSF buffer.

6. The details of Annual rate of inflation are as follows:

Sr. No.		Inflation Rate (in %)			
	Indices	May, 2018 (Provisional)	April, 2018 (Provisional)	May, 2017 (Final)	
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	4.43	3.18	2.26	
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	1.60	0.87	-2.13	
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	3.96	3.97	1.09	
4	Consumer Price Index (Combined)*	4.87	4.58	2.18	
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	3.10	2.80	-1.05	

*: series2012=100 #: New Base year 2011-12=100

- 7. Price trends for the month of June, 2018 over May, 2018 for all India monthly average retail prices from 102 centers across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States/UTs are given at Annexure-I.
- 8. The update on other points to be reported to Cabinet Secretariat is at Annexure II.

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<u>Annexure-I</u>

<u>Prices of Essential Commodities – Trend over the past month:</u>

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 102 centers across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Department of State Government/ UTs are compiled and average retail prices for the month of June, 2018 over May, 2018 are given below:-

Sl.No.	Commodity	June, 2018 (latest)	May, 2018 (previous) month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	30	30	0
2	Wheat	24	24	0
3	Atta	26	26	0
4	Gram Dal	64	65	-1
5	Tur Dal	70	70	0
6	Urad Dal	69	70	-1
7	Moong Dal	73	72	1
8	Masoor Dal	60	60	0
9	Sugar	37	37	0
10	Milk	42	42	0
11	Groundnut Oil	125	126	-1
12	Mustard Oil	105	105	0
13	Vanaspati	80	80	0
14	Soya oil	89	89	0
15	Sunflower Oil	96	95	1
16	Palm Oil	78	78	0
17	Gur	43	42	1
18	Tea loose	210	210	0
19	Salt Pack	15	15	0
20	Potato	20	19	1
21	Onion	18	17	1
22	Tomato	21	16	5

All India monthly Average Retail Prices of Essential Commodities (Rs /Kg)

Source: State Civil Supplies Departments.

Annexure II

Department of Consumer Affairs

1. Important policy matters held up on account of prolonged inter-ministerial consultations:

NIL

2. Compliance of CoS decisions:-

Updated in e-Samiksha portal.

3. No of cases of 'sanction for prosecution' pending for more than three months:-

NIL

4. Particulars of cases in which there has been a departure from the Transaction of Business Rules or established policy of the Government:-

NIL

5. Status of implementation of e-Governance:

Total No. of files	Total No. of e-files	
227	174	

6. Status of Public Grievances:

No of Public Grievances month of June, 2018	redressed du	uring the	No of Public Grievances pending at the end of June, 2018	
530			611	

7. Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:

Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) of the Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the retail and wholesale prices of 22 essential commodities on daily basis. These prices are reported by State Civil Supplies Departments on daily basis mainly through online portal. These prices are disseminated through the Department website immediately. Because of the online price reporting, the time taken to report and dissemination is less. As per instructions/guidelines even other routine office work is being shifted on line to reduce delays and for more efficient results.
