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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Department of Consumer Affairs

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi-110001
Dated 29th April, 2015

To,

The Secretary,
Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Department
Government of All States/UTs.

Sub: Clarification regarding stock holding limits prescribed for Retailer (Multiple Outlet)/ large departmental retailers on different commodities-reg.

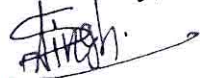
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that whenever there is an abnormal price rise in an essential commodity due to hoarding and excessive profiteering, the Union Government, in consultation with all the line-departments and States & UTs issues orders enabling State Government and UTs to levy stock limits on that commodity. The decisions to limit the stock holding lies with the respective State Governments/UTs concerned under the powers delegated to them vide order dated 09.06.1978. But If any State/UT imposes stock limit on a particular commodity for particular categories or gives exemption to a particular section of the trader/businessmen viz. Wholesaler, Retailer, Retailer (Multiple outlet) etc. then they have to take prior concurrence of the Central Government.

2. In this regard, Government of India is of the view that Retailer of Multiple Outlet or Large Departmental Retailers/Stores may be exempted from the purview of stock holding limits, for the quantity to be stocked for sale through the Multiple outlets and Departmental Stores to keep prices of essential commodities under control. this exemption may apply to all the essential commodities scheduled under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Therefore, it is advised that the Retailer (Multiple Outlet) and Departmental Retailers may be considered for exemption from stock limits while submitting a proposal to the Central Government.

3. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Yours faithfully,



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