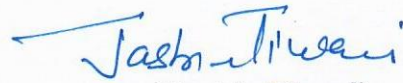


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Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of June, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs-regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of June, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information. Hindi version will follow.


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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Monthly Summary of Department of Consumer Affairs for the month of June, 2020.

1. Important policy decision taken during the month of June, 2020:

- 1.1 Hon'ble Prime Minister on 30th June 2020 announced the extension of PMGKAY beyond the initial period of April to June 2020 until the end of November 2020. **During this five-month period (July to November 2020), 1 kg free whole chana to each family per month will be provided free of cost to beneficiaries already identified under PMGKAY.**
- 1.2 Chana dal will be released for July to November, 2020 period of PMGKAY scheme given its large quantity in buffer. DoCA in consultation with DACFW will bring about uniformity in disposal policy of pulses w.r.t. PSS & PSF.
- 1.3 Price triggers will be examined in a robust manner for essential food items by the Department.
- 1.4 The Essential Commodities Act, 1955, was amended through the Ordinance promulgated on 05.06.2020, removing food items from the list of Essential Commodities.
- 1.5 There is no shortage of surgical masks and hand sanitisers in the country and these items are easily available in the markets. Hence, the Department has decided not to continue classification of surgical masks and sanitizers as essential commodities under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 beyond 30.06.2020.
- 1.6 The BIS has extended special relaxations to the MSME licensees and has provided additional rebate of 20% on minimum marking fee to the MSME firms for 2020-21 for all the new and renewal applications.
- 1.7 A rebate of 20% on Inspection fee was given to MSME firms for 2020-21. The application fee to be submitted along with licence for Management System Certification has been reduced to Rs 1000/- for 2020-21 instead of Rs 7000/- earlier.
- 1.8 MSMEs were allowed submission of advance marking fee at the time of grant or renewal of BIS licence in two equal installments (instead of full payment at the time of grant or renewal), with second installment within 6 months, without any interest (for grant of licence and renewal of licence upto 30th September 2020).

1.9. Advisory has been issued to the State Governments for further extension by a period of three months for verification and stamping of weights and measures due to the prevalent situation of COVID-19 during re-opening (Unlock 1.0). An advisory has also been issued to the State Governments for compliance of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 for all imported/indigenously produced Margarine packages and to ensure that their sale is not over and above MRP.

2. Major Achievement during the month of June, 2020:

- 2.1 Department has provisioned one kg pulses per households to NFSA beneficiaries for 3 months (April to June, 2020) under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) Package as a part of Economic Response to COVID-19 to ameliorate the hardships faced by the poor due to economic disruption caused by COVID-19. Against the monthly allocation of 1.96 Lakh MT pulses, 5.80 LMT was dispatched to States/UTs of which 5.61 LMT was received by them and 4.5 LMT was distributed to final beneficiaries.
- 2.2 Further, with respect to provision of 1 Kg. of Whole Chana from Government buffer stocks per stranded migrant worker family not covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) or without ration card in the State/UT under Atma Nirbhar Bharat package, by end of June, 2020, around 33,744 MT whole chana was dispatched to States/UTs of which 32,287 MT was received and 7356 MT distributed by them.
- 2.3 NAFED has informed that around 0.13 Lakh MT Tur was procured under PSF during June, 2020 taking total procurement to 1.84 Lakh MT by end of June, 2020. Also, around ₹1160 cr. was released to PSS account of NAFED with lending banks with respect to transfer of 2 LMT Tur procured under PSS (Kharif Marketing Season 2019-20) to PSF.
- 2.4 NAFED has procured 41,161 MT onions from Rabi 2020 crop under PSF by end of June 2020 to build buffer stock for effective market intervention.
- 2.5 BIS (Recruitment of Admn., Finance and Other Posts) Regulations, 2019 has been notified in Official Gazette on 25th June, 2020.
- 2.6 BIS (Terms & Conditions of Service of Employees) Regulations, 2019 has been notified in Official Gazette on 25th June, 2020.
- 2.7 Certification of Coveralls for COVID-19 as per the Indian Standard IS 17423:2020 has been initiated. A webinar was also held with coverall manufacturers on 17 June 2020 to create awareness regarding BIS certification process. Consequently, 10 applications have been received till date for grant of licence.

- 2.9 Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC) has notified 14 Quality Control Order for various Chemicals as per Scheme-I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.
- 2.10 Ministry of Commerce and Industry, DPIIT has notified Butterfly valves (Quality Control) Order, 2020, S.O. 1920 (E) dated 17 June, 2020 as per Scheme-I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulation, 2018.

3 Important Meeting held during the month:

- 3.1 A meeting of CoS was held on 8.6.2020 to Review the Price of Essential commodities wherein it was recommended that DoCA and DACFW would ensure adequate procurement of pulses for buffer stock and requirements of States.
- 3.2 Four Weekly Review meetings on management of Buffer Stock under PSF was held during the month wherein disposal from buffer stock, procurement of fresh stock under PSF, status of supply to Army, settlement of accounts, inter-alia were reviewed. Discussions were also held to improve efficiency of buffer operations which included review of disposal policy and examining retailing of pulses.
- 3.3 Four IMC meetings were held during the month to Review the prices of essential commodities.
- 3.4 A Weekly Review meeting on management of Buffer Stock under PSF was held during the month.
- 4 In view of COVID-19 (Corona virus) and compelling situation, Chief Secretaries of all States & UTs were requested to provide the Comments/Views on easy availability of Masks & Sanitizers and problem of hoarding if any.

5 Celebration of 6th International Yoga Day

The Department along with its associate offices celebrated the 6th International Day of Yoga on 21.06.2020. A large number of officials from the Department performed Yoga in their homes with family members in line with the theme of Yoga Day, 2020 i.e. "Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family,"

6 Notable Orders/judgements given by the National Commission:

GIRIJABAI & ORS. vs RELIANCE LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD.

An insurance company filed revision petition in NCDRC against the order of Madhya Pradesh State Commission for payment of Rs. 4.8 lakhs rupees as sum insured to the consumer. The said consumer Sh. Radheyshyam Mourya

had applied for 'Reliance Super Automatic Investment Plan Policy for a sum Rs. 4,80,000/- and had paid the annual premium of Rs.20,000/- on 05.05.2009. The said Radheyshyam Mourya died in a road accident on 27.05.2009. The Policy was issued on 29.05.2009. The Insurance Co. denied the claim on ground that the insured Radheyshyam Mourya expired before the Policy was issued i.e. before the coverage of the risk commenced.

NCDRC upheld the decision of State Commission of awarding insured amount of Rs. 4.8 lakhs along with Rs. 50,000/- as cost of litigation in the revisional proceedings, as the policy was not issued even after 15 days from the date paying the premium (as per the guidelines of IRDAI, policy had to be issued within 15 days from date of payment of policy premium).