

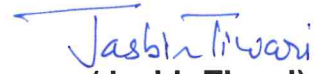
MOST IMMEDIATE

**No. N-22/2/2021-P&C
Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(Department of Consumer Affairs)**

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 14th June, 2021

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month May, 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 May, 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 May, 2021

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

1 Price Stabilization:

1.1 With a view to curbing the increasing prices of pulses, key policy level decisions were taken during the month. In order to augment availability and address the demand - supply gap, import of pulses was liberalized. Tur, Urad and Moong were moved from 'Restricted' Category to 'Free' Category for the period from May 15, 2021 to October 31, 2021. Thereafter, regular meetings with importers and concerned agencies such as Customs, FSSAI & Plant Quarantine Wing of Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers' Welfare (DACFW), were held to ensure that the import process is seamless and efficient.

1.2 Along with the above steps, proactive measures were taken to address concerns of hoarding and artificial scarcity. Vide OM dated May 14, 2021, all the States/UTs were requested to give directions to Stockholders like millers, traders, importers etc. to declare their stocks of pulses, so that the same could be verified by the States/UTs.

1.3 A meeting with Principal Secretaries/ Secretaries, Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs of all States/UTs was held on May 17, 2021 through Video Conference to discuss issues regarding disclosure of stock of pulses. Thereafter, the link to an online portal created by Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) for this purpose, was sent on May 19, 2021 to all States/UTs. A follow-up meeting with Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, was held on May 25, 2021 to emphasise the need for verification of pulses stocks and closely monitor prices. As on May 31, 4226 entities - Dealers, Importers, Millers and Stockists - had registered on the portal from across the country, and declared 14.86 LMT pulses stocks.

2 International Co-operation

2.1 Cabinet, in its meeting held on May 25, 2021 approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of the Republic of Malawi for annual import of 50,000 MT of Tur from Malawi for 5 years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, through private trade.

2.2 Approval was also accorded to an MoU with the Government of the Republic of Myanmar for annual import of 2,50,000 MT Urad and 1,00,000 MT of Tur from Myanmar for 5 years, from 2021-22 to 2025-26, through private trade.

3. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)

3.1 In order to achieve the objective of One Nation One Standard, DoCA and BIS have been reaching out to several Ministries, such as Railways, Power, Road Transport & Highways, etc. so that the product standards of these sectors meet all quality parameters. As a result of close co-ordination and follow-up with the Ministry of Railways, the Research Designs and Standards Organization (RDSO), Ministry of Railways, GoI became the first SDO in the country to be granted recognition under the BIS Scheme for Recognition of SDOs. This recognition would ensure that RDSO's processes of standards development are aligned with the globally accepted principles of standardization and are compliant with the Code of Good Practice for the Preparation, Adoption and Application of Standards as provided in the WTO-TBT Agreement.