

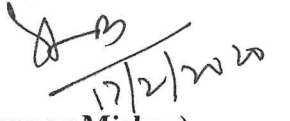
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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
(Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 17th January, 2020

Subject: -Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of January, 2020 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 of **January, 2020** in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information. Hindi version will follow.


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

**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 **January, 2020**.

1. Pulses and Onion Buffer Stock:

1.1 Three Video Conferences with States / UTs were held during the month to review the demand of Imported Onion and Pulses from Central Buffer to States / UTs for retailing and related matters. Letters were also sent to States by Hon'ble Minister, CA, F&PD and Secretary (CA) requesting States to confirm their requirements and take appropriate measures to restrain the onion price rise.

1.2 Of total arrival of 36,124 MT of imported onion during the month, dispatches was arranged to Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Telangana, U.P., Assam, J&K, Uttarakhand etc. Mother Dairy, NCCF, Kendriya Bhandar and NAFED were advised to retail imported onion to cool down their prices.

1.3 As on 31.01.2020, 3791.7 MT of imported Onion was disposed through supply to States / UTs based on their requirement and through auction. In addition, disposal of 6669 MT was under progress.

1.4 Two Weekly Review Meetings on management of buffer stock under PSF were held during the month of January.

1.5 Three meetings of IMC to review prices of essential commodities were held during the month.

1.6 As per the recommendation of the CoS meeting of 7th January, 2020, supplies of imported onions through agencies like Safal, Kendriya Bhandar, state agencies was undertaken to the extent these agencies were willing and able to lift. Approval for meeting the transportation cost from port to state from the PSF was obtained and States / UTs were requested to take onion on the revised conditions. States were also requested through video conferences to honour their commitments. Chairman of the CoM was also apprised of the situation.

2. National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India (NCCF):

2.1. The Civil Services Board (CSB) in its meeting held on 13.01.2020 has recommended the name of Sh. Manoj Kumar Semwal, IRSEE (1992) for appointment as MD, NCCF. With the approval of Hon'ble Minister CAF&PD, the recommendation of CSB was accepted and communicated to the DOP&T for appointing Sh. Manoj Kumar Semwal as MD, NCCF. The decision of DOP&T is awaited.

2.2 Shri Kamal Chowdhery, the then MD, NCCF filed an OA before Hon'ble CAT on 22 April 2019 for quashing the suspension as well as chargesheet and repatriation to his parent Department. The request of Sh. Chowdhery for revoking suspension and repatriation to the Parent Department has been considered by the committee and submitted its recommendations to the Competent Authority. Consequently, the suspension of Sh. Chowdhery was revoked w.e.f 05.11.2019 and DOP&T has been requested to consider the proposal of repatriation of Sh. Kamal Chowdhery, IDAS prematurely in his parent cadre. The case was dismissed by the Hon'ble CAT on 25.11.2019 with direction to the respondents to finalise the issue pertaining to the premature repatriation of the applicant within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order. The DOP&T vide order dated 27.12.2019 accorded approval for repatriation of Sh. Chowdhery to his parent cadre i.e CGDA. Consequently, this Department vide order dated 20.01.2020 has relieved Sh.Chowdhery with the direction to report to his parent cadre with immediate effect.

3. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):

3.1 Quality Control Order for Mandatory Hallmarking of Gold Jewellery and Gold Artefacts Order, 2020 has been notified in the Gazette of India vide S.O. No. 205€ dated 15-01-20 making hallmarking of Gold jewellery and artifacts mandatory in the country w.e.f. 15-1-2021 giving a year's time for its implementation.

3.2 The 7th annual meeting of the Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure, led by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Govt. of India and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy was hosted at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi during 16th and 17th January 2020. The meeting was concluded with signing of Work Plan 2020 for implementation by both the sides. The work plan was signed by Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs and Director General, German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy.

3.3 BIS (India) membership in ISO Technical Management Board (TMB) for the 2020-2022 term has started from 1st January, 2020. The ISO-TMB is responsible for setting up the various technical committees (TC), appointing TC chairs and monitoring the progress of the technical work. It is also responsible for the Directives, which are essentially the rules for the development of International Standards, and it deals with all matters of strategic planning, coordination, performance and monitoring of technical committee activities.

3.4 The Laboratory at Eastern Regional Office, BIS has created complete testing facility for Microbiological parameter for PDW as per IS14543:2016 & PNMW as per IS 13428:2005.

4. The details of Annual rate of Inflation are as follows:

Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		December, 2019 (Provisional)	November, 2019 (Provisional)	December, 2018 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index (Annual)	2.59	0.58	3.46
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	13.24	11.08	-0.42
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	9.63	8.61	5.24
4	Consumer Price Index (Gen.) (Combined)*	5.54	4.62	2.33
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	10.01	7.89	-2.61

*:- series 2012=100 #: New Base year 2011-12=100

5. Price trends for the month of January, 2020 over December, 2019 for all India monthly average retail prices from 114 centres across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States / UTs are given at Annexure-I.

6. The update on other points to be reported to Cabinet Secretariat is at Annexure-II.

Prices of Essential Commodities – Trend over the past month:

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 114 centers across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of State Government / UTs are compiled and average retail prices for the month of January, 2020 over December, 2019 are given below:-

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

Sl. No.	Commodity	January 2020 (latest)	December 2019 (previous month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	34	33	1
2	Wheat	29	28	1
3	Atta	30	30	0
4	Gram Dal	66	67	-1
5	Tur Dal	88	88	0
6	Urad Dal	99	96	3
7	Moong Dal	93	90	3
8	Masoor Dal	67	65	2
9	Sugar	39	39	0
10	Milk (per ltr)	45	45	0
11	Groundnut Oil	137	136	1
12	Mustard Oil	117	114	3
13	Vanaspati	87	83	4
14	Soya oil	98	94	4
15	Sunflower Oil	106	102	4
16	Palm Oil	89	82	7
17	Gur	46	46	0
18	Tea loose	218	217	1
19	Salt Pack	16	16	0
20	Potato	27	25	2
21	Onion	64	95	-31
22	Tomato	26	29	-3

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
238	197

6. Status of Public Grievances:

No of Public Grievances redressed during the month of January, 2020	No of Public Grievances pending at the end of January, 2020
1232	407

7. Status of Grievances registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH):

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of January 2020	Total dockets closed at the end of January, 2020
60,029	44,000

8. 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 from 114 centers across the country. These prices are reported by State Civil Supplies Departments on daily basis mainly through online portal. These prices are being disseminated through the Department's website immediately. Because of the online price reporting, the time taken for reporting and disseminating is less. As per instructions / guidelines even other routine office work is being shifted on line to reduce delays and for more efficient results.
