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Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 19th February, 2019

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month January, 2019 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 **January, 2019** 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. Chairmen, 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, 2019**:

1. Consumer Protection Bill:

The Consumer Protection Bill 2018 was passed by the Lok Sabha on 20 December 2018. After receiving recommendation of the Hon'ble President, a motion has been moved by the Hon'ble Minister, CAF& PD to the Secretary General, Rajya Sabha for consideration and passing the Consumer Protection Bill 2018.

2. Pulses Buffer Stock:

- As on 31.01.2019, the available stock in the pulses buffer was 1.82 lakh MT after disposal of 18.68 lakh MT from 20.50 lakh tonnes procured/imported.
- Four Weekly Review Meetings on Disposal of pulses were held during the month of January, 2019. Issues concerning supplies to Army were monitored and resolved. Building of the buffer stock by transfer from PSS supplies was undertaken.
- 29th Meeting of Re-Constituted PSFMC was held on 30.01.2019.

3. NCCF:

- Earlier approval of ACC was obtained to replace the then MD, NCCF with JS, DoCA on account of grave dereliction of duty. A Memorandum of the Articles of Charge, the statement of the imputations of Misconduct has been delivered to the Charged Officer. The Ld. Single Judge of the Hon'ble High Court by order dated 21-05-2018 stayed the appointment of JS, DoCA as MD, NCCF. To protect the interest of the Government, the Department filed a Letter Patents Appeal (LPA) before the Double Bench. The Double Bench by its order dated 29-01-2019 stayed the implementation of the directions staying the appointment of JS, DoCA. The Department has requested ACC for further extension of six months w.e.f. 9/11/2018 to be accorded to JS, DoCA as MD, NCCF with additional charge so that the Government interest and public interest is protected.
- The Department has also filed LPA before the Double Bench for vacating the stay of Ld. Single Judge on the implementation of Government order under Section 123 of the MSCS Act so that Government Administrator can replace

the Board of NCCF. Also LPA has been filed for compliance of the Government directions issued under Section 122 of the MSCS Act asking NCCF not to give effect to the amendments to the bye-laws registered by CRCS in November 2017 and to amend the bye-laws so as to bring them to its original position consistent with the Acts and Rules. The LPAs are expected to come up for hearing in the last week of February 2019, whereas the hearing of NCCF matter before the Single Bench has been fixed for 18 February 2019. At present the Government remains the majority shareholder in the NCCF.

4. International Cooperation – Indo German JWG

Indian delegation led by Secretary (Consumer Affairs) participated in the Sixth Meeting of Indo-German Working Group on Quality Infrastructure for Co-operation in Standardization, Conformity Assessment and Product Safety held on 17-18 January 2019 at Berlin, Germany. During the meeting, progress made on various areas of cooperation was reviewed and discussions were held on future areas of mutual interest based on which Work Plan 2019 was finalized.

5. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) :

- BIS in association with FICCI organized an event on the release of Indian Standard on Bullet Resistant Jacket – Performance requirements (IS 17051:2018) on 10.01.2019 at FICCI, New Delhi. This has placed India in the select League of Nations like US, UK and Germany who have their own national standard on the subject.
- Release Ceremony of IS 17081:2019 Aviation Turbine Fuel (Kerosene Type, Jet A-1) Containing Synthesized Hydrocarbons – Specification was organized by BIS on 24.01.2019, at Air Headquarters, Vayu Bhawan, New Delhi.
- Under the Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS) for Electronics & IT products, as on 25 January 2019, a total of 16249 registrations have been granted by BIS. During January 2019, 469 applications have been received and 447 registrations were granted.

6. E.C. Act:

All the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments handling Essential Commodities were advised to evaluate the need for the provision of annual/periodic renewal of licences, if any, under the EC Act in their respective sectors, keeping in view the objective of “Make in India”.

7. **The details of Annual rate of Inflation are as follows:**

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Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		December, 2018 (Provisional)	November, 2018 (Provisional)	December, 2017 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	3.80	4.64	3.58
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	-0.07	-3.31	4.72
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	5.24	4.86	4.00
4	Consumer Price Index (Combined)*	2.19	2.33	5.21
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	-2.51	-2.61	4.96

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

8. Price trends for the month of January, 2019 over December, 2018 for all India monthly average retail prices from 109 centers across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States/UTs are given at **Annexure-I**.

9. The update on other points to be reported to Cabinet Secretariat is at **Annexure II**.

Annexure-I

Prices of Essential Commodities – Trend over the past month:

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 109 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 January, 2019 over December, 2018 are given below:-

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

SI.No	Commodity	January, 2019 (latest)	December, 2018 (previous month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	30	30	0
2	Wheat	26	25	1
3	Atta	27	27	0
4	Gram Dal	66	66	0
5	Tur Dal	73	72	1
6	Urad Dal	72	71	1
7	Moong Dal	76	75	1
8	Masoor Dal	62	61	1
9	Sugar	38	38	0
10	Milk	43	43	0
11	Groundnut Oil	126	127	-1
12	Mustard Oil	108	108	0
13	Vanaspati	81	81	0
14	Soya oil	91	91	0
15	Sunflower Oil	98	98	0
16	Palm Oil	76	76	0
17	Gur	42	42	0
18	Tea loose	208	209	-1
19	Salt Pack	15	15	0
20	Potato	17	19	-2
21	Onion	18	19	-1
22	Tomato	23	22	1

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
211	174

6. Status of Public Grievances

No of Public Grievances redressed during month of January, 2019	No of Public Grievances pending at end of January, 2019
886	304

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

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of January, 2019.	Total dockets closed at the end of January, 2019.
50953	31864

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 109 centres across the country. 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.
