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(Department of Consumer Affairs)**

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Office Memorandum

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

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure to this OM, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of July, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information.



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Monthly Summary for the month of July, 2020.

1. Important policy decisions taken during the month of July, 2020:

- 1.1 The CP Act, 2019 was brought into force with effect from 20th July, 2020. The essential rules and regulation were notified to give effect to provisions of the CP Act, 2019. The gazette notification for establishment of Central Consumer Protection Authority(CCPA) has been published on 23rd July,2020.
- 1.2 MoU has been signed with Mozambique on 7th July, 2020 for cooperation in the field of production and marketing of Pigeon Peas.
- 1.3 The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020 with Statement of Objects and Reasons has been prepared by the Legislative Department to be introduced in the next parliament session.

2 Major achievement during the month

- 2.1 NAFED has procured around 0.02 Lakh MT Tur under PSF during July, 2020 taking total procurement to 1.86 Lakh MT by end of July, 2020.
- 2.2 Around 93,000 MT onion from Rabi 2020 crop was procured under PSF by end of July 2020 as informed by NAFED to build buffer for effective market intervention.
- 2.3 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 allocation of 5.82 Lakh MT pulses, 5.80 LMT was dispatched to States/UTs of which 5.79 LMT was received by them and 5.20 LMT was distributed to final beneficiaries.
- 2.4 Further, w.r.t. distribution of 1 kg free whole chana from the Government buffer Stock to each beneficiary household per month as a part of extended PMGKAY beyond the initial period of April to June 2020 until the end of November 2020, against the allocation of 9.70 Lakh MT pulses, 0.97 LMT was dispatched to States/UTs of which 0.45 LMT was received by them and 0.02 LMT was distributed to final beneficiaries.
- 2.5 With regard to the 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 July, 2020, around 33,744 MT whole chana was

dispatched to States/UTs of which 33,385 MT was received and 14,864 MT distributed by them.

- 2.6 BIS under “Atmanirbhar Bharat” campaign has launched three portals for Standardization, Training, Certification of Products and a Mobile App ‘BIS-Care’ for the benefit of consumers and stakeholders on 27th July 2020.
- 2.7 Testing facility of ‘Coveralls for COVID–19’ as per IS 17423:2020 has been created at BIS Central Laboratory, Sahibabad.
- 2.8 As per Toys (Quality Control) Order, 2020 issued by DPIIT, BIS has initiated the process of grant of licence to manufacturers of toys for use of Standard Mark BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulations, 2018.
- 2.9 Specific relaxations under the BIS (Hallmarking) Regulation have been extended till 30th September 2020.
- 2.10 BIS formulated 2 new standards and revised nine standards during the month. It also granted 264 new licenses to domestic manufacturers and 2 licenses to foreign manufacturers based on conformity assessment. BIS during the period renewed 2521 licenses of domestic manufacturers and 33 foreign manufacturers.
- 2.11 The National Test House (Northern Region), Ghaziabad installed a Synthetic Blood Penetration Test Machine for testing Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs) used by health care workers and frontline staff of various agencies fighting against the Covid pandemic.
- 2.12 Advisory was issued on 3.7.2020 to E-Commerce entities to ensure compliance of the provisions of Sub-Rule 10 of Rule 6 of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 with copy to the Controllers of Legal Metrology of State Governments for ensuring implementation'

3 Important Meeting held during the month:

- 3.1 Meeting of the CoS was held on 3.07.2020 & 13.07.2020 on management of buffer stock of pulses and retailing of pulses.
- 3.2 A meeting of the CoS was held on 28.07.2020 to review the Prices and availability of potato.
- 3.3 Two IMC meetings under the Chairmanship of Secretary (CA), were held during the month to Review the prices of essential commodities.
- 3.4 Two Weekly Review meetings on management of Buffer Stock under PSF was held during the month wherein disposal from buffer stock, procurement of pulses and onions under PSF, status of supply to Army, settlement of accounts of PSF operations, inter-alia were reviewed.