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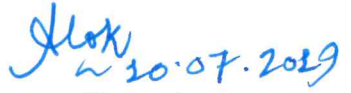
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**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**(Department of Consumer Affairs)**

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 10th July, 2019

**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of June, 2019 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs-regarding.**

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Please find enclosed as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of **June, 2019** in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information. Hindi version will follow.

  
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1. All Members of Council of Ministers.
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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)**

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The following are the important activities of Department of Consumer Affairs during the month of **June, 2019**.

**1. Consumer Protection Bill, 2019:**

Cabinet approved introduction of Consumer Protection Bill 2019 in its meeting held on 24.06.2019.

**2. Pulses and Onion Buffer Stock:**

2.1 As on 30.06.2019, of the old stock of 20.50 LMT, 20.29 LMT has been disposed. Also, 11.66 LMT of pulses have been transferred / replenished from Price Support Scheme (PSS) of DACFW to PSF buffer stock. A buffer stock of 52422.2 MT onion has been created through procurement in Maharashtra & Gujarat against a target of 60,000 MT onion.

2.2 Three Weekly Review Meetings on pulses buffer operations were held during the month of June, 2019.

2.3 A meeting of IMC was held in presence of Hon'ble Minister (CA, F & PD) on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 to take stock of the availability and prices of arhar. It was recommended that the quantitative restrictions of 2 LMT on import of Arhar be raised to 4 LMT to be effected till 31 October 2019. Further, 2 LMT Arhar (whole) available in the PSF buffer be offloaded at no profit no loss basis through market operations / to States / retailing by NAFED, etc. Also DGFT had earlier invited applications for allocating QR of 2 LMT of Arhar. Licences against this quantity will be issued in the next 10 days. Lastly, strict action will be taken against hoarders / black marketeers.

2.4 A meeting of the CoS was held on 20.06.2019 to review prices of essential commodities. It was recommended that DoCA may take steps for the setting up of new retail outlets and utilize existing outlets of Cooperatives/Dairy Corporations/Marketing Federations in States for direct retailing of essential commodities. Further, DoCA may consider taking necessary steps for increasing the onion storage capacity with NAFED and State agencies up to 1 LMT. Also DoCA was asked to continuously monitor the prices of all essential commodities including the prices of mustard seeds / oil and other edible oils. Inter-Ministerial Committee on Prices may meet regularly and analyse inputs from agencies and media.

2.5 A Video Conference was held on 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 to review the status of State / UT Level Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) proposals and explore prospects of retailing of Tur and Onion from Central Buffer Stock.

2.6 All State / UTs Chief Secretaries were requested to indicate monthly / annual requirement of the milled / unmilled pulses of Tur and any requirement of onion from Central buffer.

### **3. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS):**

3.1 Draft BIS (Recruitment to Scientific Cadre) Regulations have been finalized and sent to the Legislative Department for vetting.

3.2 BIS (Recruitment to Laboratory Technical Posts) Regulations were finalized and got vetted by the Legislative Department. BIS has been asked to convey that the vetted Regulations meet their intentions and requirements, so that the same may be notified thereafter.

3.3 A link has been provided on the Department's website for free access to all the mandatory Indian Standards (IS) by consumers / public.

### **4. Consumer Protection Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) :**

During the month, the NCDRC delivered the following noteworthy judgment:

Prashant Sareen vs Mohan Dai Oswal Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation & Ors.

National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC) directed Mohan Dai Oswal Cancer Treatment & Research Foundation and its doctors to pay a compensation of Rs. 16,80,749 to the parents of a three year old child who died while undergoing treatment for cancer at the Hospital under the supervision of one Dr. Raman Arora.

In the instant case, a medicine was given to the child intrathecally (through back bone injection) instead of intravenously which deteriorated the condition of child and she became paralysed and died within two weeks. NCDRC taking it as a case of medical negligence awarded compensation of Rs. 16,80,749/- to the parents of the child. NCDRC also remarked that inspite of the fact that Dr.Raman Arora didn't administer the injection, he is also liable for any acts / commission or omissions done by his team or the assistants who assisted him in rendering treatment to the Patient.

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

Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		May, 2019 (Provisional)	April, 2019 (Provisional)	May, 2018 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index (Annual)	2.45	3.07	4.78
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	6.99	7.37	1.74
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	8.65	8.33	3.96
4	Consumer Price Index (Combined)*	3.05	2.99	4.87
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)	1.83	1.10	3.10

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

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

7. 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 June, 2019 over May, 2019 are given below:-

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

Sl. No	Commodity	June, 2019 (latest)	May, 2019 (previous month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	32	31	1
2	Wheat	26	26	0
3	Atta	28	28	0
4	Gram Dal	66	66	0
5	Tur Dal	83	79	4
6	Urad Dal	75	72	3
7	Moong Dal	82	79	3
8	Masoor Dal	63	62	1
9	Sugar	39	38	1
10	Milk	43	43	0
11	Groundnut Oil	129	128	1
12	Mustard Oil	109	109	0
13	Vanaspati	80	80	0
14	Soya oil	92	92	0
15	Sunflower Oil	99	99	0
16	Palm Oil	75	75	0
17	Gur	44	43	1
18	Tea loose	213	212	1
19	Salt Pack	15	15	0
20	Potato	18	17	1
21	Onion	19	17	2
22	Tomato	36	33	3

**Source: State Civil Supplies Departments.**

**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
<b>210</b>	<b>182</b>

6. Status of Public Grievances

No of Public Grievances redressed during the month of <b>June, 2019</b>	No of Public Grievances pending the end of <b>June, 2019</b>
<b>897</b>	<b>563</b>

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

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of <b>June, 2019.</b>	Total dockets closed at the end of <b>June, 2019.</b>
<b>64643</b>	<b>33711</b>

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 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.

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