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

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
Dated 2nd April, 2019

**Subject: - Monthly Summary Report for the Cabinet for the month February, 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 **February, 2019** in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information. Hindi version will follow.

  
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7. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhavan, New Delhi.
8. Director (NIC) for uploading on the website of the Department.

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(Department of Consumer Affairs)

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

**1. NCCF:**

- Department filed Letter Patents Appeal against order dated 21/5/2018 of Ld. Single Judge vide which Ld. Single Judge had stayed the ACC order dated 09/5/2018 giving additional charge of MD, NCCF to Shri Anil Bahuguna, Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA). The Division Bench comprising of Hon'ble Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Hon'ble Mr Justice V Kameswar Rao by its order dated 29/1/2019 stayed the implementation of direction of Ld. Single Judge.
- Department moved proposal to ACC for entrustment of additional charge of the post of MD, NCCF to Shri Anil Bahuguna for a period of 6 months w.e.f. 01/2/2019. ACC by order dated 18/2/2019 approved the proposal. Accordingly, Shri Anil Bahuguna, Joint Secretary, DoCA, took over the charge of MD, NCCF on 19 February 2019. Same has been communicated to the Board of Directors of NCCF, all Branch Managers, concerned banks vide circular dated 27/2/2019 of NCCF.
- Earlier, Secretary (Consumer Affairs) issued a letter dated 21/12/2018 to all Chief Secretaries informing them that at present NCCF is working without a Government appointed MD or Chairman, and, therefore, the States may exercise abundant precaution while granting business to NCCF.
- The opposite parties filed a writ petition before the Ld. Single Judge requesting to set aside the order of Government whereby JS, DoCA, has been assigned additional charge of post of MD, NCCF. Keeping in view the order passed by the Division Bench dated 29/1/2019, Ld. Single Judge did not pass any interim order.
- An LPA has also been filed against the order of Single Judge whereby he has stayed the direction issued by the Government under Section-122 of The MSCS Act not to give effect to the amendments made in the NCCF Byelaws. Third LPA had been filed against the order of Single Judge whereby he stayed the order passed by the Government under Section-123 of The MSCS Act by which the Board of NCCF has been superseded. The LPAs are expected to come up for hearing shortly, whereas the hearing of NCCF matter before the Single Bench has been fixed for 18th March, 2019. At present the Government remains the majority shareholder in the NCCF."

**2. Consumer Protection Bill, 2018:**

The Consumer Protection Bill was passed by the Lok Sabha on 20 December 2018. The Bill was listed for consideration of the Rajya Sabha on its last day

of the Session, but could not be passed by the Rajya Sabha as full discussion could not take place.

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

A policy direction under Section-25 of the BIS Act was issued to DG, BIS to take necessary action to finalise and notify the BIS (Recruitment to Scientific Cadre) Regulations. The new regulations are needed to recruit scientists against 100 odd vacancies as per Government policy of giving less weightage to interview (15% of marks) against the earlier regulations (having weightage of 50% marks to interview). BIS is yet to notify the regulations. The matter is being discussed with Legislative Department to evolve the further course of action.

**4. Disposal of Pulses:**

- As on 28 February 2019, the available stock in the pulses buffer is 1.41 lakh MT after disposal of 19.09 lakh MT from 20.50 lakh tonnes procured/imported.
- Ministry of Defence has accorded sanction for procurement of annual quantity of pulses for Indian Army for financial year 2019-20 from the PSF buffer stock through NAFED.

**5. Legal Metrology (LM):**

- Meetings were held with President, National Institute of Standards & Technology, USA, Head (International) of PTB, Germany and representative of NPL-UK, to discuss mutual cooperation in the fields of Legal Metrology viz., certification for weights and measures equipments being manufactured in India for the export purposes, accurate dissemination of Indian Standard Time, capacity building of LM officers, etc.
- Secretary (CA) had a meeting with the State Controllers of Legal Metrology to review the activities.

**6. Consumer Grievances:**

A record number of 53,000 grievances were registered in the month of February 2019 compared to 15,000 per month in 2016-17. A total of 500 companies have been brought into convergence with NCH.

**7. E.C. Act:**

- Based on DAC&FW's proposal, a CoS Note on re-inclusion of Pesticides, Insecticides, Fungicides, Weedicides and the like as essential commodity under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 was prepared and CoS meeting was held on 21/2/2019 to discuss it. CoS decided not to include these items in the schedule of essential commodities.
- A Draft Note for the Cabinet was circulated to the concerned Ministries/Departments for comments on doing away with annual / periodic renewal of licences in orders issued under E.C. Act.

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Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		January 2019 (Provisional)	December 2018 (Provisional)	January 2018 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	2.76	3.80	3.02
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	2.34	-0.07	3.15
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	6.60	5.24	5.11
4	Consumer Price Index (Combined)*	2.05	2.11	5.07
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	-2.17	-2.65	4.70

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

9. Price trends for the month of February, 2019 over January, 2019 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**.

10. 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 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 February, 2019 over January, 2019 are given below:-

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

Sl.No.	Commodity	February, 2019 (latest)	January, 2019 (previous) month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	30	30	0
2	Wheat	26	26	0
3	Atta	28	27	1
4	Gram Dal	67	66	1
5	Tur Dal	75	73	2
6	Urad Dal	72	72	0
7	Moong Dal	77	76	1
8	Masoor Dal	63	62	1
9	Sugar	38	38	0
10	Milk	43	43	0
11	Groundnut Oil	127	126	1
12	Mustard Oil	109	108	1
13	Vanaspati	81	81	0
14	Soya oil	92	91	1
15	Sunflower Oil	98	98	0
16	Palm Oil	76	76	0
17	Gur	42	42	0
18	Tea loose	208	208	0
19	Salt Pack	15	15	0
20	Potato	16	17	-1
21	Onion	17	18	-1
22	Tomato	20	23	-3

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
<b>215</b>	<b>186</b>

6. Status of Public Grievances

No of Public Grievances redressed during month of <b>February, 2019</b>	No of Public Grievances pending at end of <b>February, 2019</b>
<b>730</b>	<b>258</b>

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

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of <b>February, 2019.</b>	Total dockets closed at the end of <b>February, 2019.</b>
<b>53218</b>	<b>45701</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 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.