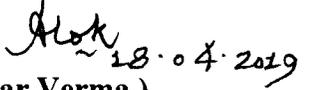


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Government of India
Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
(Department of Consumer Affairs)

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated 18th April, 2019

Subject: - Monthly Summary Report for the Cabinet for the month March, 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 **March, 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.
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 **March, 2019**.

1. NCCF:

The Department filed two LPAs before the Double Bench-one for vacating the stay of Ld. Single Judge on the Government order issued under section 123 of the MSCS Act, 2002 so that Government Administrators can replace the non-official Board of NCCF; Second LPA was for vacating the stay of Ld. Single Judge on Government direction 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 Nov, 2017 and to amend the by-laws so as to bring them to its original position consistent with the Acts and Rules. The Hon'ble Double Bench, comprising Hon'ble Chief Justice Rajendera Menon and Hon'ble Justice Anup Jairam Bhambhani Delhi High Court passed order dated 18.03.2019 in respect of LPA filed re Government direction u/s 122 inter-alia directing that:

"In the meanwhile, operation of the impugned order dated 09.05.2018 passed by writ court shall remain stayed".

In respect of LPA filed regarding Government order issued u/s 123, the Hon'ble Double Bench passed an order directing that:

"Keeping in view the order passed by us today issuing notice in LPA 173/2019 and staying the effect of the impugned order passed by the learned Single Judge there, Mr. Jain learned ASG for the petitioner submits that he may be permitted to withdraw this writ petition with liberty to assail all grounds raised in this appeal before the learned judge or to file a petition/appeal afresh, if required in future date. The appeal is dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as prayed for".

The fresh LPA will be filed shortly to give effect to Government order u/s 123. The hearing of NCCF matter before the Single Bench has been fixed for 2nd May, 2019. At present the Government remains the majority shareholder in the NCCF.

2. World Consumer Right Day:

World Consumers Rights Day, 2019 was celebrated on 15th March, 2019 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with the theme "Trusted Smart Products". It was attended by the NCDRC, State Commissions, representatives of the State Governments, NGOs, etc.

3. NCDRC:

During the month of March, 2019, following judgment was delivered by Supreme Court upholding the judgment of NCDRC in the case of **Kolkata West International City Pvt Ltd vs Devasis Rudra.**

"Supreme Court held that a buyer cannot be expected to wait indefinitely for possession of flat on 7-year delay which is beyond reasonable time.

In the instant case, complainant booked a Row House in 2006 to be handed over by 31.12.2008 as per agreement between petitioner and respondent. Flat was not delivered in the prescribed time and completion certificate was given only in the year 2016 against which complainant filed a case in State Commission. The case was then moved to NCDRC and finally to Supreme Court wherein Supreme Court upheld the decision of NCDRC directing the developer to refund the money paid together with interest and compensation of Rs 2 lakhs to the complainant."

4. 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 was discussed with Legislative Department. Accordingly, the 'Power to Remove Difficulties' provision of the Act has been invoked and Order has been issued replacing the Executive Committee headed by DG, BIS by the Bureau headed by Hon'ble Minister as the authority to make and notify Regulations.

5. Pulses Buffer Stock:

- As on 29.03.2019, the available stock in the pulses buffer is 0.75 lakh MT after disposal of 19.75 lakh MT from 20.50 lakh MT procured/imported in 2016-17.
- Regular Weekly Review Meetings were held during the month to discuss and solve issues regarding Pulses Buffer Stock viz. building up fresh Buffer, Army supplies, etc.
- 30th meeting of PSF Management Committee (PSFMC) was held on 6th March, 2019 in which PSFMC inter-alia recommended procurement of 50,000 MT onion by NAFED in ongoing Rabi 2019 season.
- Released Rs.3830 crore from the PSF Corpus Fund to Cash Credit Account of PSS towards transfer of 6.92 LMT pulses procured under PSS to PSF Buffer.

6. E.C. Act:

A meeting was convened on 13.03.2019 under chairmanship of Secretary to discuss the proposal on simplification of renewal of licensing by doing away with the requirement of annual/periodic renewal of licenses in orders issued under Section 3 of the EC Act. Accordingly, a CoS Note has been prepared and sent to Cabinet Secretariat. .

7. Legal Metrology (LM):

Secretary participated in 2nd meeting of Management Committee of International Organization of Legal Metrology-Certification Scheme at Delft, Netherlands. Discussions were held and way forward evolved to make India an Issuing Authority of certificates for Weights and Measures which will have international acceptance. This will improve trade for Indian manufacturers. In this meeting, Deputy Director, LM, India was approved for the first time in the list of International experts for LM.

8. i) The details of Annual rate of Inflation are as follows:

Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		February, 2019 (Provisional)	January, 2019 (Provisional)	February, 2018 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	2.93	2.76	2.74
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	4.28	2.34	0.95
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	6.97	6.60	4.74
4	Consumer Price Index (Combined)*	2.57	1.97	4.44
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	-0.66	-2.24	3.26

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

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

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 March, 2019 over February, 2019 are given below:-

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

Sl.No.	Commodity	March, 2019 (latest)	February, 2019 (previous) month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	30	30	0
2	Wheat	26	26	0
3	Atta	28	28	0
4	Gram Dal	65	67	-2
5	Tur Dal	75	75	0
6	Urad Dal	72	72	0
7	Moong Dal	76	77	-1
8	Masoor Dal	63	63	0
9	Sugar	38	38	0
10	Milk	43	43	0
11	Groundnut Oil	127	127	0
12	Mustard Oil	109	109	0
13	Vanaspati	81	81	0
14	Soya oil	92	92	0
15	Sunflower Oil	99	98	1
16	Palm Oil	76	76	0
17	Gur	43	42	1
18	Tea loose	210	208	2
19	Salt Pack	15	15	0
20	Potato	15	16	-1
21	Onion	16	17	-1
22	Tomato	22	20	2

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
192	170

6. Status of Public Grievances

No of Public Grievances redressed during the month of February,2019	No of Public Grievances pending at the end of February,2019
554	334

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

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of February, 2019.	Total dockets closed at the end of February, 2019.
51088	33002

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.
