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

Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi  
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**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month November, 2018 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 **November, 2018** 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.

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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 **November, 2018**:

**1. Pulses Buffer Stock:**

- As on 30.11.2018, the available stock in the pulses buffer is 3.97 lakh MT after disposal of 16.53 lakh MT from 20.50 lakh tonnes procured/imported.
- Three Weekly Review Meetings on Disposal of pulses were held during the month of November, 2018 and 2.16 LMT of pulses were disposed during the month. The concerned agencies were encouraged to engage with States/UTs to take them on board for taking their supplies/requirements of pulses under MDM/ICDS from central buffer. Supplies to Army was intensively reviewed in these meetings with Army officers and Nafed.

**2. Onion Prices:**

- A CoS meeting on Review of Adoption of the procurement systems by the States and Progress of procurement by Central Agencies and Review of prices of essential commodities was held on 20.11.2018 and following decisions pertaining to DoCA were taken:-
  - a) DACFW, DFPD and DoCA may ensure that the stock of 2016 Kharif pulses is disposed of immediately.
  - b) DoCA may keep a close watch on prices of essential commodities. NAFED may take measures to procure onions from Nasik in February, 2019. If necessary, imports of onions in appropriate quantity may be planned in advance.
- During the month of November 508.52 MT of onion and a progressive quantity of 5,505.97 MT of onion out of 13,507.73 MT procured by NAFED has been disposed.

### **3. Legal Metrology**

- Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs participated as head of Indian Delegation in the 26th Meeting of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) held at Versailles, France in November, 2018. The Indian

Delegation supported the resolution to revise the definition of International System (SI) of Units. The definition of the seven base units namely Second, Meter, Kilogram, Ampere, Kelvin, Mole and Candela has been changed from being linked to artefacts, to being based on fundamental constants of nature. The units are expected to be stable in the long term, internally self consistent and practically reliable being based on the theoretical description of nature, The Resolutions were supported unanimously by member-states. The change in definition of the units will however require amendment of the Legal Metrology (National Standard) Rules, 2011 to incorporate the changes in the definition of S.I units. The definition of S.I units will also need to be changed in the text books

### **4. NCCF:**

- The non- Government Directors on Board of NCCF challenged the order of supersession of Board of Directors of NCCF in the High Court of Delhi. Ld. Single Judge stayed the implementation of order. The case was listed on 6-12-2018 and is now listed for hearing on 18.02.2019. The Department is filing a Letters Patent Appeal (LPA) before the Double Bench in the Hon'ble High Court for an early hearing and Judgement in the matter.

### **5. Super Bazar :**

- After obtaining favourable orders from Hon'ble Supreme Court, Axis Bank was asked to return Rs.35 crore of Super Bazar transferred illegally by then Official Liquidator to the account of Writers and Publishers Ltd. The amount of Rs 35 crores was returned by the bank on 6.11.2018 in the account of Super Bazar. Also, DAC & FW was requested to take disciplinary action against the Official Liquidator who is a former employee of DAC & FW.

### **6. BUREAU OF INDIAN STANDARDS (BIS):**

- Bureau of Indian Standards has celebrated World Standards Day 2018 on 15 November 2018. The theme of this year was "International Standards and Industrial Revolution 4.0". Hon'ble Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Shri Ram Vilas Paswan inaugurated the seminar on 15th November,2018 at Delhi which was the culmination of the four curtain raisers regional seminars.

- DG BIS chaired the 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of Governing Board of South Asian Regional Standards Organization (SARSO) held during 22-23 Nov 2018 at Kathmandu, Nepal. It was for the first time, that all the member states participated in the meeting.
- Under the Compulsory Registration Scheme (CRS) for Electronics & IT products, as on 25 November 2018, a total of 15301 registrations have been granted by BIS. During November 2018, 421 applications have been received and 536 registrations were granted.

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

Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		October, 2018 (Provisional)	September, 2018 (Provisional)	October, 2017 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	5.28	5.13	3.68
2	Wholesale Price Index# (Food Articles)	-1.49	-0.21	4.30
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	5.23	5.61	3.24
4	Consumer Price Index (Combined)*	3.31	3.70	3.58
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	-0.86	0.51	1.90

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

**8.** Price trends for the month of November, 2018 over October, 2018 for all India monthly average retail prices from 106 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**.

**Prices of Essential Commodities – Trend over the past month:**

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 106 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 November, 2018 over October, 2018 are given below:-

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

Sl.No.	Commodity	November, 2018 (latest)	October, 2018 (previous) month)	Difference (In Rs.)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	30	30	0
2	Wheat	25	25	0
3	Atta	27	27	0
4	Gram Dal	65	64	1
5	Tur Dal	70	70	0
6	Urad Dal	70	68	2
7	Moong Dal	74	73	1
8	Masoor Dal	62	62	0
9	Sugar	38	39	-1
10	Milk	42	43	-1
11	Groundnut Oil	126	125	1
12	Mustard Oil	107	106	1
13	Vanaspati	81	81	0
14	Soya oil	91	90	1
15	Sunflower Oil	98	98	0
16	Palm Oil	77	77	0
17	Gur	43	43	0
18	Tea loose	209	211	-2
19	Salt Pack	15	15	0
20	Potato	22	22	0
21	Onion	22	21	1
22	Tomato	23	23	0

**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>153</b>	<b>129</b>

6. Status of Public Grievances:

No of Public Grievances redressed during the month of November, 2018	No of Public Grievances pending at the end of November, 2018
<b>633</b>	<b>699</b>

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

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of <b>November, 2018.</b>	Total dockets closed at the end of <b>November, 2018.</b>
<b>41875</b>	<b>23242</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. 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.

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