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

**Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi**  
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**Sub: Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of April, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs- Reg.**

Please find enclosed as Annex to this letter, the unclassified portion of the monthly summary for the Cabinet for the month of **April, 2020** in respect of the Department of Consumer Affairs, for kind information. Hindi version will follow.

  
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9. Chairman, Union Public Service Commission, Dholpur House, New Delhi.
10. Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog, Yojana Bhawan, New Delhi.
11. Tech. Director, NIC for uploading on the website of the Department.

The following are the important activities of Department of Consumer Affairs during the month of **April 2020**.

**1. Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY):**

The PMGKAY package, inter-alia, includes provision of one kg pulses per household to NFSA beneficiaries for 3 months (April to June, 2020). This exercise involved processing of pulses such as Tur and Masoor, and their onward dispatch to the States. Initially, there were difficulties in opening of mills, availability of labour and movement of trucks, which delayed the dispatch. Nevertheless, out of the monthly allocation of 1.96 Lakh MT pulses, 1.79 LMT was dispatched in the month of April to States/UTs of which 1.03 LMT was received by them and 0.28 LMT was distributed to final beneficiaries.

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

Meetings of the IMC were held during the month to review prices of essential commodities NAFED has commenced procurement of onions under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) with a target for creation of buffer of 50,000 MT. Additional procurement of 3.5 Lakh MT Tur was approved under PSF at Minimum Support Price (MSP) taking the total approved procurement of Tur under PSF at MSP to 5.5 LMT. Advance of Rs.1,160 crore were also released to NAFED in this regard. NAFED has informed that around 1.21 Lakh MT has been procured by the end of April, 2020. Further, approval w.r.t. procurement of 1.5 LMT of Masoor under PSF has been conveyed to the designated agencies.

**3. Legal Metrology Act**

The manufactures or packers or importers of pre-packaged commodities were allowed to declare the revised retail sale price (MRP) on the unsold stock

Manufactured / packed / imported prior to revision of GST, after inclusion of the increased amount of tax due to GST, if any, in addition to the existing retail sale price (MRP) up to 30 September, 2020. Manufactures/packers were allowed to utilise the existing packaging material/ wrapper with pre-printed date of manufacturing which could not be exhausted within the time limit prescribed under the Rules due to the prevalent situation of COVID-19 up to 30 September 2020.

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

Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		March 2020 (Provisional)	February 2020 (Provisional)	March 2019 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	1.00	2.26	3.10
2	Wholesale Price Index#(Food Articles)	4.91	7.79	5.24
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	5.50	6.84	7.67
4	Consumer Price Index (Gen.)(Combined)*	5.91	6.58	2.86
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	8.76	10.81	0.30

\*:- series2012=100    #: New Base year 2011-12=100

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

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 114 centres across the country as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of State Government/UTs are compiled and average retail prices for the month of April, 2020 over March, 2020 are given below:-

**All India monthly Average Retail Prices of Essential Commodities (₹/kg)**

Sl.No.	Commodity	April, 2020 (latest)	March, 2020 (previous) month)	Difference (In ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	34	33	1
2	Wheat	29	29	0
3	Atta	31	30	1
4	Gram Dal	69	65	4
5	Tur Dal	95	87	8
6	Urad Dal	104	97	7
7	Moong Dal	109	99	10
8	Masoor Dal	73	67	6
9	Sugar	40	39	1
10	Milk(per ltr)	46	46	0
11	Groundnut Oil	144	138	6
12	Mustard Oil	118	117	1
13	Vanaspati	90	88	2
14	Soya oil	101	98	3
15	Sunflower Oil	110	106	4
16	Palm Oil	89	87	2
17	Gur	47	46	1
18	Tea loose	219	217	2
19	Salt Pack	16	16	0
20	Potato	26	23	3
21	Onion	28	31	-3
22	Tomato	22	21	1

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 <b>112</b>	Total No. of e-files <b>101</b>
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6. Status of Public Grievances:

No of Public Grievances redressed during the month of <b>April, 2020</b>	No of Public Grievances pending at the end of <b>April, 2020</b>
<b>766</b>	<b>317</b>

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

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of <b>April, 2020</b>	Total dockets closed at the end of <b>April, 2020</b>
<b>23512</b>	<b>16874</b>

8. **Minimum Government, Maximum Governance:**

Price Monitoring Division (PMD) of the Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the retail and wholesale prices of 22 essential commodities on daily basis from 114 centers across the country. These prices are reported by State Civil Supplies Departments on daily basis mainly through online portal enabling their dissemination through the Department's website on real time-time basis. As per instructions/guidelines even other routine office work is being shifted online to reduce delays and for more efficient results.

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