

**MOST IMMEDIATE**

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

Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi  
Dated 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month of May, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs- regarding.**

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The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith as Annexure to this letter, the unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the Month of May, 2020 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs for kind information.



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

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

As on date, against monthly allocation of 1.951 LMT pulses, which works out to 5.86 LMT for 3 months, 5.42 LMT has been dispatched to States/UTs of which 4.81 LMT has been received by them and 2.90 LMT has been distributed to final beneficiaries.

Under the Atma Nirbhar Bharat package, there is provision for supply of 2 Kg. of Whole Chana from Government buffer stocks per migrant worker family who are not covered under National Food Security Act (NFSA) or are without ration card in the State/UT in which they are stranded. The quantity of Whole Chana for a distribution was estimated at 10% of no. of households covered in NFSA and works out to approx. 35,000 MT of Whole Chana. By 09 June 2020, around 0.33 LMT Whole Chana has been dispatched to States/UTs of which 21094 MT has been received and 1679 MT distributed to the beneficiary families.

**2. Review of Prices of Essential Commodities :**

Three IMC meetings were held during the month to Review the prices of essential commodities. Based on the IMC decision, the recommendation to reduce import duty on Masur from 30% to 10% was sent to the Department of Revenue on 13 May 2020; the notification was issued by the said department on 3 June 2020.

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

- i. NAFED has informed that around 56,000 MT Tur was procured under PSF during May, 2020 taking total procurement to 1.77 Lakh MT by the end of May, 2020.
- ii. The decision to procure 1 LMT of onion under PSF was taken by IMC and communicated to NAFED. Around 9187 MT onion was procured under PSF by the end of May 2020 as informed by NAFED.

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

- i. To promote the supply of quality PPEs during the ongoing pandemic, BIS has permitted relaxation in its norms of having in-house testing facilities for the following PPEs:

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- a) Filter Half Masks to protect against particles of Class FFP2 as per IS 9473:2002,
  - b) Surgical Face Masks as per IS 16289:2014
  - c) Eye Protectors as per IS 5983:1980
- ii. A directory of mask manufactures was created and an exercise was carried out to ascertain the capacities of mask manufacturers in the country. BIS was able to contact 81 mask manufacturers in the organized sector. Based on the data obtained from these 81 mask manufacturers, it was found that their current installed annual 2 ply / 3 ply surgical masks production capacities are 295 cr. The same was intimated to the Empowered Group coordinating availability of medical supplies.
5. The details of Annual rate of Inflation are as follows:

Sr. No.	Indices	Inflation Rate (in %)		
		April, 2020 (Provisional)	March, 2020 (Provisional)	April, 2019 (Final)
1	Wholesale Price# Index(Annual)	^	1.00	3.24
2	Wholesale Price Index#(Food Articles)	2.55	4.91	6.44
3	Consumer Price Index (Industrial Workers)	5.45	5.50	8.33
4	Consumer Price Index (Gen.)(Combined)*	^	5.84	2.86
5	Consumer Price Index (Consumer Food Price Index)*	^	8.76	0.30

\*:- series2012=100 #: New Base year 2011-12=100 ^- Not Available for April 2020 due to COVID 19.

**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 May, 2020 over April, 2020 are given below:-

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

Sl.No.	Commodity	May, 2020 (latest)	April, 2020 (previous month)	Difference (In ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	34	34	0
2	Wheat	29	29	0
3	Atta	31	31	0
4	Gram Dal	68	69	-1
5	Tur Dal	95	95	0
6	Urad Dal	104	104	0
7	Moong Dal	111	109	2
8	Masoor Dal	76	73	3
9	Sugar	40	40	0
10	Milk(per ltr)	47	46	1
11	Groundnut Oil	147	144	3
12	Mustard Oil	118	118	0
13	Vanaspati	91	90	1
14	Soya oil	101	101	0
15	Sunflower Oil	111	110	1
16	Palm Oil	88	89	-1
17	Gur	48	47	1
18	Tea loose	218	219	-1
19	Salt Pack	16	16	0
20	Potato	26	26	0
21	Onion	22	28	-6
22	Tomato	20	22	-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 <b>96</b>	Total No. of e-files <b>81</b>
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6. Status of Public Grievances:

No of Public Grievances redressed during the month of <b>May, 2020</b> <b>786</b>	No of Public Grievances pending at the end of <b>May, 2020</b> <b>642</b>
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7. Status of Grievances registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH):

Total dockets registered on National Consumer Helpline (NCH) during the month of <b>May, 2020</b> <b>34528</b>	Total dockets closed at the end of <b>May, 2020</b> <b>31953</b>
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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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