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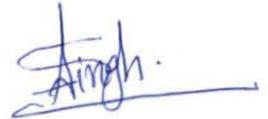
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 21st April, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month March, 2022 in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs – regarding.

The undersigned is directed to enclose herewith an unclassified portion of the Monthly Summary for the month of March, 2022(**Annexure**), for use of the Cabinet, in respect of Department of Consumer Affairs.

Encl: As above.



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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
Monthly Summary for the month of March, 2022

The following are the important activities of the Department of Consumer Affairs during the month of March, 2022.

1. Consumer Protection:

1.1 During the month, E-daakhil portal started in Assam, with this, the total number of the States/UTs which have launched e-filing portal is 30 + NCDRC.

1.2 A meeting was held with Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI) on 24 March 2022 to discuss draft CCPA (Prevention of Misleading Advertisements and necessary due diligence for endorsement of advertisement) Guidelines, 2022. A meeting dated 28 March 2022 was held with officials of NIC and NICSII to review the CONFONET scheme which pertains to the IT-enabling of various Consumer Dispute Redressal Commissions.

2. Celebration World Consumer Rights Day:

The World Consumer Rights Day was celebrated on 15.03.2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The theme of the event was "Fair Digital Finance". Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textile presided the event. Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; Ms Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti, Hon'ble Minister of State in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and the Ministry of Rural Development; Justice R. K. Agarwal, President of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission(NCDRC); Shri Nandan Nilekani, Non-Executive Chairman of Infosys, officers of the State and Central Government, presidents and members of the State Commissions, Voluntary Consumer Organizations (VCOs) and other stakeholders attended the event.

3. Price Monitoring:

3.1 The proposal of DoCA for extension of Tur and Urad imports under Free category during 2022-23 was approved and the notification to this effect was issued by DGFT on 29 March 2022.

3.2 54th PSFMC meeting was held under chairmanship of Secretary, DoCA, on 28 March 2022 to review the status of Procurement/Disposal of Pulses & Onion under PSF Buffer.

3.3 The prices, production, yield and import & export scenario of five pulses (gram, tur, urad, moong and chana), and three vegetables (onion, potato and tomato) was reviewed with Agriwatch.

4. **Price Stabilization Fund:**

4.1 3rd Installment of Rs. 200 Crore released to NAFED for import of Masur during 2021-22.

4.2 Regarding financial assistance under the scheme for Strengthening of PMC, Rs.3,98,000/- was sanctioned to the Govt. of Assam in March 2022.

4.3 Price trends for the month of March, 2022 over February, 2022 for all India monthly average retail prices as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States/ UTs are given at **Annexure -I**.

5. **Ease of doing business:**

The Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011 were amended vide GSR 226 (E) dated 28 March 2022 to the following effect:

- The date of commencement of Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Amendment Rules, 2021 vide GSR 779 (E) dated 02 November 2021 has been extended to 01 October, 2022.
- Alcoholic beverages or spirituous liquor are exempted to declare unit sale price from the said rules since these are covered under the respective State excise policies.
- Simplification in the manner in which the unit sale price are declared. Where Maximum Retail Price (MRP) is same as Unit Sale Price, there is no need to declare the unit sale price.
- For ease of doing business Sub-rule (2) of Rule 33 and the Second Schedule has been omitted.

6. **ACC directions:** The post of Senior Economic Adviser is vacant since 17.7.2021 after relieving of Ms. Rupa Dutta. The same has to be filled by D/o Economic Affairs being a cadre controlling authority for the post. Hence, no ACC direction is pending with Department.

Prices of Essential Commodities – Trend over the past month:

The All India monthly average Retail prices of 22 essential commodities from 179 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 March, 2022 over February, 2022 are given below:-

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

Sl.No	Commodity	March, 2022 (latest)	February, 2022 (previous) month)	Difference (In ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	36	36	0
2	Wheat	29	28	1
3	Atta	32	32	0
4	Gram Dal	75	75	0
5	Tur Dal	103	103	0
6	Urad Dal	105	106	-1
7	Moong Dal	102	102	0
8	Masoor Dal	97	97	0
9	Sugar	41	41	0
10	Milk(per ltr)	51	50	1
11	Groundnut Oil	185	179	6
12	Mustard Oil	192	189	3
13	Vanaspati	152	141	11
14	Soya oil	160	148	12
15	Sunflower Oil	176	162	14
16	Palm Oil	146	131	15
17	Gur	48	48	0
18	Tea loose	286	287	-1
19	Salt Pack	19	19	0
20	Potato	21	20	1
21	Onion	32	35	-3
22	Tomato	23	27	-4