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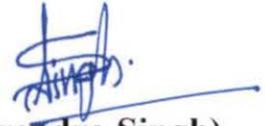
Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Dated 14th June, 2022.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**Subject: - Monthly Summary for the Cabinet for the month May, 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 May, 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 April, 2022

The following are the important activities of the Department of Consumer Affairs carried out during the month of May, 2022:

1. Consumer Protection:

A meeting was held on 27 May 2022 along with various stakeholders including Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), E-Commerce entities, Consumer Commissions, Law Universities, Consumer Lawyers, FICCI, CII, Consumer Rights Activists to discuss the magnitude and roadmap ahead for fake reviews on websites.

2. Price Monitoring:

2.1 Agriwatch's weekly presentations covered the national and international market trends, prices, production, yield, import & export scenario of five pulses-gram, tur, urad, moong and chana, and three vegetables-onion, potato and tomato.

2.2 Price trends for the month of May, 2022 over April, 2022 for all India monthly average retail prices as reported by the respective Civil Supplies Departments of States/UTs are attached.

3. Price Stabilization Fund:

3.1 The 55th meeting of PSFMC was held on 19 May 2022 to review the status of Procurement and Disposal of pulses & Onion under Price Stabilization Fund (PSF).

3.2 Rs. 25.29 crore released from PSF to NAFED as 1st installment for procurement of Tur (KMS 2021-22) under PSF.

3.3 Rs. 31.75 crore released as 4th installment for procurement of 1 LMT imported Masoor under PSF.

3.4 Upto 31 May 2022, NAFED has reportedly procured 52,460.34 MT Onion against the Target of 2.5 LMT to be achieved till July 2022 and 9107.84 MT of Tur against the proposed 42,500 MT of Tur.

4. Bureau of Indian Standards:

4.1 A meeting was held on 17 May 2022 under my chairmanship to review the status of formulation of Indian Standards / Guidelines on biodegradable plastics.

4.2 464 new licences were granted to domestic manufacturers and two licences were granted to foreign manufacturers. In addition, 2,274 licences of domestic manufacturers and 40 of foreign manufacturers, were renewed.

4.3 Department of Chemical and Petrochemicals, has notified 08 Quality Control Orders for various chemical & petrochemicals as per Scheme-I of BIS (Conformity Assessment) Regulation, 2018.

4.3 Under the Compulsory Registration Scheme, 471 new licences were issued, 825 inclusions and 309 renewals were done in the month of May 2022. The number of operative licences was 20,368 in May 2022.

4.4 Letters have been sent to the CEOs of 100 Smart Cities having Municipal Corporations, regarding testing facilities for Drinking Water, seeking the details of available testing facilities for Drinking Water as per IS 10500 in the laboratories under their organization. Detailed clause wise test requirements were also sent to the municipal commissioners for facilitating gap analysis

4.5 Under the Hallmarking scheme, 1398 new jewellers have been registered, and 37 new A&H centres have been recognized during the month.

4.6 To commemorate Azadi ka Amrut Mahotsav, Webinar/Seminar were conducted on 'Quality and Transparency in Procurement of Goods and Services' on 28 April 2022 and on the topic 'Piped Drinking Water Supply System' on 23 May 2022.

4.7 Interaction with Educational Institutions on Standardization held on 10 May 2022 and 13 May 2022.

5. Workshop on Legal Metrology:

National workshop on Legal Metrology Act, 2009 was held on 09 May 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution with Hon'ble Ministers of State Governments, Secretaries, Controllers and Legal Metrology Officers to discuss decriminalization of some of the provisions of LM Act.

6. Time Dissemination:

A meeting under my Chairmanship to review the progress of Time dissemination Project with all stakeholders was held on 30 May 2022.

7. 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 181 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, 2022 over April, 2022 are given below:-

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

S.No	Commodity	April, 2022	March, 2022	Difference (In ₹)
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1	Rice	36	36	0
2	Wheat	29	29	0
3	Atta	33	32	1
4	Gram Dal	74	74	0
5	Tur Dal	103	103	0
6	Urad Dal	105	105	0
7	Moong Dal	103	103	0
8	Masoor Dal	97	96	1
9	Sugar	41	41	0
10	Milk(per ltr)	51	51	0
11	Groundnut Oil	192	189	3
12	Mustard Oil	189	189	0
13	Vanaspati	164	157	7
14	Soya oil	171	166	5
15	Sunflower Oil	189	183	6
16	Palm Oil	155	150	5
17	Gur	48	48	0
18	Tea loose	285	284	1
19	Salt Pack	19	19	0
20	Potato	23	21	2
21	Onion	23	26	-3
22	Tomato	43	27	16

Source: State Civil Supplies Departments.