

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF July, 2018

- Under the reforms initiative in PDS, a total of 3,34,469 (63.19%) Fair Price Shops (FPSs) now stand automated with Aadhaar linked bio-metric authentication facilities. At present, Aadhaar seeding with ration cards stands about 84.36% (at least one member of family) and beneficiary wise Aadhaar seeding in ration card data stands about 77.25 % across the country.
- The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool continue to remain comfortable at 627.13 LMT (218.55 LMT of rice and 408.58 LMT of wheat) as on 01.08.2018.
- OMSS (D) policy for 2018-19 was announced on 11.07.2018. Quantum for sale of wheat under OMSS (D) in 2018-19 has been fixed as 100 LMT. For Madhya Pradesh, Punjab and Haryana, reserve price for wheat for second, third and fourth quarter of FY 2018-19 has been kept at Rs.1900/-, Rs 1925/- and Rs. 1950/- per quintal respectively. For other states, railway freight, ex-Ludhiana to the nearest railhead and road transportation cost from railhead to depot, where sale is undertaken, are to be added in the above reserve price.
- Quantum of 20 LMT of Grade 'A' rice has also been kept for sale under OMSS (D) during 2018-19. Reserve Price of rice has been kept for Rs 2500/- per Quintal for auction upto 30 September, 2018. From 1st October, 2018, it will be taken as Rs.2500/- per quintal or MSP derived price (MSP of Gr. 'A' Paddy X (1.5)), whichever is higher.
- A total quantity of 1.77 LMT of wheat and 0.52 LMT of rice was sold in the open market till July, 2018.
- During ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2017-18, in Eastern States, a quantity of 59.93 LMT of paddy in terms of rice has been procured by Govt. agencies as on 06.08.2018 against 56.62 Lakh MT during corresponding period of KMS 2016-17.
- Procurement in other parts of the country has been brisk in the current KMS 2017-18, wherein 363.67 lakh MT of rice in form of paddy (as on 08.08.2018) has already been procured against the target of 430 lakh MT. During RMS 2018-19, 355.22 LMT of wheat has been procured against the target of 320 LMT.
- The progress in respect of recommendations of the High Level Committee (HLC) for revamping of FCI is as follows:

- a) The Depot Online System (DOS) is currently operational at all 530 functional Depots of FCI. In case of CWC, DOS has been implemented at all 156 Depots hired by FCI.
- b) As far as construction of modern Silos is concerned, Silo operators have been selected for a total capacity of 44.25 LMT at 85 locations out of which 6.25 LMT silos have been completed at 13 locations. Further, tenders for 3.00 LMT have been issued by FCI and locations have been identified for 35.00 LMT.
- Cumulative capacity of 141.47 LMT has been completed under PEG scheme upto 31.07.2018. During the month, new godowns of capacity 75 MT have been constructed in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.
 - For the sugar season 2017-18, as on 06.08.2018, out of total payable cane price of Rs. 84740 crore, an amount of Rs. 68994 crore has been paid and cane dues of Rs. 15746 crore is pending.
 - The Central Government with a view to increase production of ethanol and its supply under Ethanol Blended with Petrol (EBP) Programme, specially in the surplus season and thereby to improve the liquidity position of the sugar mills enabling them to clear cane price arrears of the farmers, has notified a Scheme for extending financial assistance to sugar mills for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity on 19.07.2018.
 - On 18.07.2018, CCEA has approved the Fair and Remunerative Price of sugarcane for sugar season 2018-19 at Rs.275/- per quintal for a basic recovery rate of 10% ; providing a premium of Rs. 2.75/qtl for each 0.1% increase of recovery over and above 10% ; reduce the FRP proportionately by Rs. 2.75/qtl for every 0.1 percent decrease in recovery, in respect of those mills whose recovery is below 10% but above 9.5 percent and for mills having recovery of 9.5% or less at Rs.261.25/qtl.
 - Production of ethanol directly from sugarcane juice/B-heavy molasses has been allowed by amending Sugarcane (Control) issued vide S.O. 3663(E)/Ess.Com./Sugarcane dated 26.7.2018.
