

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

- Under the reforms initiative in PDS, a total of 3,47,781 (65%) Fair Price Shops (FPSs) now stand automated with Aadhaar linked bio-metric authentication facilities. As per Annavitran portal, in the month of November, 2018 about 78% of total ePoS based transactions (in States/UTs with operational ePoS devices) were authenticated using Aadhaar/biometrics of beneficiaries.
- At present, Aadhaar seeding with ration cards stands about 85% (at least one member of family) and beneficiary wise Aadhaar seeding in ration card data stands about 79 % across the country.
- The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool continue to remain comfortable at 454.10 LMT (147.81 LMT of Rice and 306.29 LMT of wheat) as on 01.12.2018.
- Through Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS), a total quantity of 29.24 Lakh MT of wheat and 3.72 Lakh MT of rice have been sold in the open market till 4th tender of November, 2018
- During ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2018-19, in Eastern States, a quantity of 5.30 LMT of paddy in terms of rice has been procured by Govt. agencies as on 30.11.2018 against 8.12 Lakh MT during corresponding period of KMS 2017-18.
- Procurement in other parts of the country is brisk in the current KMS 2018-19, wherein 182.46 lakh MT of rice in form of paddy (as on 30.11.2018) has already been procured against the target of 370 lakh MT. During RMS 2018-19, 357.95 LMT of wheat has been procured against the target of 320 LMT.
- As far as construction of modern Silos is concerned, during November, 2018, Silo operators have been selected by FCI for a total capacity of 45.75 LMT at 88 locations.
- During the month of November, 2018, new godowns having a total capacity of 6670 MT have been constructed in the State of Jammu & Kashmir thereby increasing the cumulative capacity from 141.76 LMT to 141.82 LMT under PEG Scheme.

- As per online reports received from the sugar mills the production of sugar from sugarcane including domestic raw sugar during the sugar season 2018-19 (October-September) as on 30.11.2018 is provisionally estimated at 25.45 lakh tonnes as against 31.15 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period of the last sugar season 2017-18.

- For the sugar season 2017-18, as on 15.11.2018, out of total payable cane price of Rs. 85,345.02 crore, an amount of Rs. 76,878.38 crore has been paid and cane dues of Rs. 8466.64 crore was pending.