

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

- Under the reforms initiative in PDS, a total of 3,35,177 (63.30%) Fair Price Shops (FPSs) now stand automated with Aadhaar linked bio-metric authentication facilities. As per Annavitran portal, in the month of August, 2018 about 72% of total ePoS based transactions (in States/UTs with operational ePoS devices) were authenticated using Aadhar/biometrics of beneficiaries.
- At present, Aadhaar seeding with ration cards stands about 84.5% (at least one member of family) and beneficiary wise Aadhaar seeding in ration card data stands about 77.3 % across the country.
- The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool continue to remain comfortable at 590.86 LMT (205.77 LMT of rice and 385.09 LMT of wheat) as on 01.09.2018.
- Through Open Market Sales scheme (OMSS), a total quantity of 5.59 Lakh MT of wheat and 1.23 Lakh MT of rice have been sold in the open market till 4th tender of August, 2018
- During ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2017-18, in Eastern States, a quantity of 60.40 LMT of paddy in terms of rice has been procured by Govt. agencies as on 27.08.2018 against 56.64 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 364.85 lakh MT of rice in form of paddy (as on 31.08.2018) 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.
- As far as construction of modern Silos is concerned, Silo operators have been selected by FCI 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 by FCI under PEG scheme upto 31.07.2018. During the month, construction of new godowns with a capacity of 10,000 MT have been completed in the State of Jharkhand.
- As per online reports received from the sugar mills the production of sugar from sugarcane including domestic raw sugar during the Season 2017-18 (Oct-Sep) as on

31.08.2018 is at 321.96 LMT as against 201.74 LMT during the corresponding period of the last sugar season 2016-17.

- For the sugar season 2017-18, as on 31.08.2018, out of total payable cane price of Rs. 85156 crore, an amount of Rs. 70858 crore has been paid and cane dues of Rs. 14298 crore is pending.
- To increase the production of ethanol and its supply under Ethanol Blended with Petrol (EBP) Programme, specially in the surplus season, DFPD has notified the scheme namely "Scheme for extending financial assistance to sugar mills for enhancement and augmentation of ethanol production capacity" vide notification No. S.O. 3523 (E) dated 19.07.2018. to extend the benefit of above schemes to more number of mills, it was amended vide notification dated 09.08.2018.
- Vide notification dated 14.08.2018, this Department issued Levy Sugar Supply (Control) Amendment Order, 2018 by amending the Levy Sugar Supply (Control) Order. 1979, stating that where any producer or importer or recognized dealer who has an obligation under clause 2 to deliver levy sugar has failed to fulfil its obligations in respect of any sugar season, it shall have an option to fulfil the obligation by making payment of money in lieu of actual delivery of levy sugar as provide in sub-clause (2). The money shall be derived from the differential of actual realization from sale of sugar from the open market and the notified levy sugar price for any particular sugar season to which any levy obligation pertains.
