

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

- Under the reforms initiative in PDS, a total of 3,34,318 (63%) Fair Price Shops (FPSs) now stand automated with Aadhaar linked bio-metric authentication facilities. As per Annavitran portal, in the month of September, 2018 about 73% 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 84.25% (at least one member of family) and beneficiary wise Aadhaar seeding in ration card data stands about 78.12 % across the country.
- The stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool continue to remain comfortable at 542.59 LMT (186.34 LMT of rice and 356.25 LMT of wheat) as on 01.10.2018.
- Through Open Market Sales scheme (OMSS), a total quantity of 13.11 Lakh MT of wheat and 2.02 Lakh MT of rice have been sold in the open market till 3rd tender of September, 2018.
- During Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2017-18, in Eastern States, a quantity of 60.59 LMT of paddy in terms of rice was procured by Govt. agencies as on 01.10.2018 against 56.65 Lakh MT during corresponding period of KMS 2016-17.
- Procurement in other parts of the country was brisk in the KMS 2017-18, wherein 381.75 lakh MT of rice in form of paddy (as on 28.09.2018) 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 6.00 LMT have been issued by FCI and 38 locations have been identified for 32.00 LMT.
- Cumulative capacity of 141.76 LMT has been completed by FCI under PEG scheme upto 31.08.2018. During the month, new godowns of capacity 28,365 MT have been constructed in the State of Uttar Pradesh (18,340), Jharkhand (10,000) and Arunachal Pradesh (25 MT).
- The Depot Online System (DOS) is currently operational at all 530 functional depots of FCI. In cases of CWC, DOS has been implemented at all 144 depots presently hired by FCI

- As per online reports received from the sugar mills the production of sugar from sugarcane including domestic raw sugar during the season 2017-18 (October-September) as on 30.09.2018 is at 321.96 lakh tonnes as against 202.27 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period of the last sugar season 2016-17.
- For the sugar season 2017-18, as on 30.09.2018, out of total payable cane price of Rs. 84465 crore, an amount of Rs. 71714 crore has been paid and cane dues of Rs. 12751 crore is pending.
- Original validity period of export under Minimum Indicative Export Quotas (MIEQ) of 20 LMT of sugar for export during Sugar Season 2017-18 has been restored to 30.09.2018 vide order dated 28.09.2018.
- In view of the inventory levels with Sugar industry and to facilitate achievement of financial liquidity, MIEQ of 50 Lakh MT has been allocated among sugar mills for export in Sugar Season 2018-19 vide another order dated 28.09.2018. Export quotas of 50 lakh MT of all grades of sugar; viz raw, plantation white as well as refined; have been prorated among those sugar factories which operated during sugar season 2017-18 by taking into account their average production of sugar achieved by the sugar mills during last two operational sugar seasons and the season 2017-18.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs in its meeting held on 26.09.2018 has approved measures involving total assistance of Rs.5538 crore to support the sugar sector by way of offsetting cost of cane and to facilitate export of sugar (in respect of MIEQ of 50 LMT for export in the sugar season 2018-19) from the country thereby improving liquidity of the industry enabling them to clear cane price arrears of farmer. The scheme for providing the assistance approved by CCEA has since been notified.
- Department has approved 114 proposals under the scheme of augmentation! enhancement of ethanol production capacity involving loan amount of Rs 6139.08 crores and letters of approval were accordingly issued to concerned sugar mills on 29.09.2018.