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Government of India
Department of Consumer Affairs
May 24, 2021D.O. No. S-10/3/2019-ECR&E

Dear Chief Secretary,

Please refer this to this department's letter of even no. dated 14.05.2021 (copy enclosed) and the meeting held with Principal Secretary/Secretary, Food of all States/UTs on 17.05.2021 regarding disclosure of stock of pulses by Stockholders (Millers, Importers, Wholesalers, Retailers, Stockists); and verification thereof.

2. Thereafter, the link to an online portal created for the purpose was shared through a mail dated 19.05.2021 and the list of millers of your state as obtained from NAFED, was also provided, to facilitate the above.

3. I would be grateful, if you could personally review the situation and issue directions for expeditious action regarding declaration and verification of stocks, so that the undesirable practice of hoarding pulses which leads to artificial scarcity and price rise, can be checked.

Good wishes,

Encl. As above

Yours sincerely,

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To the Chief Secretaries of all States/UTs

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Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi-110001

Dated the 14th May, 2021

Sub: Disclosure of stock of pulses by Stockholders and weekly monitoring of prices.

To,

Chief Secretaries / Administrators
(All States/UTs)

The undersigned has been directed to say that the Essential Commodities Act (EC Act), 1955 is aimed at ensuring adequate availability of the scheduled essential commodities at fair prices to the common people. Recently, a sudden spurt in prices of pulses has been observed which may be due to hoarding of it by the Stock Holders.

2. Powers under Section 3(2)(h) and 3(2)(i) of the EC Act, to issue orders for collecting information or statistics to the persons engaged in the production, supply or distribution of or trade and commerce in of any essential commodity and to maintain and produce for inspection such books, accounts and records relating to their business and to furnish such information relating thereto, have been delegated to State Governments vide Central Order GSR 800 dated 09.06.1978.

3. Accordingly the Stockholders like millers, traders, importers etc. may be directed by the States/ UTs to declare their stocks of pulses and the same may be verified by the States/ UTs. States / UTs are also requested to monitor the prices of pulses on a weekly basis.

4. State Governments/ UTs are requested to kindly ensure necessary action on the above.

Yours faithfully,


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Copy to : Principal Secretary/ Secretaries / Commissioners Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department (All States/UTs)