

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
MONTHLY SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF February, 2021

- One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) plan is enabled in 32 States/UTs (except Assam, Chhattisgarh, Delhi and West Bengal) covering about 69 Crore beneficiaries (86% of total NFSA population across the country to avail facility of inter-state and intra-state portability of ration cards. In the month of February, 2021, a total of about 1.6 Crore portability transactions have been recorded under ONORC.
- The approximate stocks of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 28.02.2021 were 564.55 LMT (Wheat - 292.69 LMT and Rice - 271.86 LMT).
- Through Open Market Sales Scheme (OMSS), a total quantity of 18.50 Lakh MT of Wheat and 14.59 Lakh MT of Rice have been sold through e-auction in the open market till 4th tender of February, 2021.
- During ongoing Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2020-21 (as on 28.02.2021) 94.87 LMT of Paddy (in terms of Rice) has been procured in Eastern States as against 48.83 LMT of Paddy (in terms of Rice) procured during corresponding period in KMS 2019-20.
- During ongoing KMS 2020-21, as on 28.02.2021, Progressive Procurement of Paddy (in terms of Rice) is 445.62 LMT. During RMS 2020-21, 389.93 LMT of Wheat was procured against the total estimate of 442.49 LMT.
- A cumulative capacity of 144.11 Lakh MT has been completed under Public Entrepreneurs Guarantee (PEG) scheme up to 31.01.2021.
- Under the Central Sector Scheme "Storage & Godowns", a total capacity of 54,250 MT (45,870 MT by FCI and 8,380 MT by State Governments) has been created from 01.04.2017 to 31.01.2021.
- As far as construction of modern silos is concerned, silo operators have been selected for a total capacity of 29.75 LMT at 59 locations. Against this, a total capacity of 8.25 LMT has been created at 16 locations (as on 31.01.2021). Silos with capacity of 3.50 LMT at 7 locations are likely to be completed by June, 2021.

In order to fast track the progress of construction of steel silos, a professional study was conducted by FCI through M/s RITES for examining the feasibility of road-side silos with containerized movement. After examination of the aforesaid report, DFPD has accorded "in-principle approval" for construction of silos under the Hub and Spoke model as proposed by FCI. The tender documents and list of 100 locations (35.875 LMT) for silo construction under Hub & Spoke model have been approved by HLC and have been forwarded to this Department for approval.

- As per online reports received from the sugar mills on the production of Sugar from sugarcane including domestic raw sugar, during the Sugar Season 2020-21 (October-September) as on 28.02.2021 is provisionally estimated at around 221.72 lakh tonnes as against 196.88 lakh tonnes during the corresponding period of the last Sugar Season 2019-20.
- For the Sugar Season 2020-21, as on 28.02.2021 out of total payable cane price of Rs.53647 Crore, an amount of Rs.30747 Crore has been paid and cane dues of about Rs.22900 Crore are pending. The cane price arrears of Sugar Season 2019-20 & earlier Sugar Seasons, as on 28.02.2021 is Rs.3297 Crore.
- The Central Government is providing Sugar subsidy to AAY families under NFSA. During the current FY 2020-21, a budget of Rs.203.37 Crore has been allocated under Sugar subsidy scheme, out of which Rs.186.25 Crore has been disbursed to States/UTs till 28.02.2021.
- During Sugar Season 2020-21, as on 28.02.2021 about 16 LMT of Sugar has also been delivered from Sugar Mills for export under Open General License (OGL). However about 59.58 LMT has been exported during Sugar Season 2019-20.
- The Government has permitted procurement of surplus FCI Rice by grain based distilleries @ Rs. 20 per kg (Ex-FCI Godown) for production of ethanol to be supplied to OMCs under Ethanol Blending Programme (EBP). As per information received from FCI headquarter, so far, the total requirement of Rice for Ethanol Supply Year (ESY) 2020-21 projected by 8 different distilleries is 76222 MT, out of which and upto 28.02.2021 a sum of 5703 MT has been lifted by four distilleries of Punjab.
