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AFTER INITIATING SALES of wheat flour, chana and onion at subsidised rates to tame food inflation, the government has started to sell moong dal at a subsidised rate at retail outlets of various agencies.

Sources told *FE* that moong dal is being sold at a discount of ₹15/kg through retail outlets of farmers' cooperative Nafed and will be available at several other outlets and mobile vans of National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) and Kendriya Bhandars.

"We have started to sell moong dal at ₹107/kg and raw dal at ₹93/kg through various outlets," an official said. Officials said without discount, the cost of moong procured this year by the farmers' cooperative Nafed is at minimum support price (MSP) of ₹7,755/quintal, which translates to ₹123/kg. This is against the all-India average retail prices of pulses variety at ₹120/kg on Thursday.

Currently, the farmers' cooper-



ative Nafed has 500,000 tonne of moong stock against a buffer of 100,000 tonne.

The official said that Nafed would continue to sell moong dal and chana dal from the stock in the wholesale market as well as through retail outreach programme.

In July, the government had commenced selling chana dal in retail packs under brand name Bharat Dal at highly subsidised rates of ₹60/kg pack and ₹55/kg to make pulses available to consumers at affordable prices.



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NBCC inked a framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) for construction of world's largest grain storage plan in cooperative sector. NCDC has associated NBCC to render project management consultancy services on EPC Model.



NBCC shall initially construct 1469 nos of grain storage units across various states of India with an approximate value of Rs 1500 crore. These units shall be constructed using innovative building technologies.

Expressing his happiness on this development, Shri K.P. Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC said, "NBCC is delighted to be a part of creation and strengthening the agri-infrastructure in the country. I believe such initiatives will be instrumental in helping the farmers of the country in getting access to proper storage facilities, especially in the rural areas."

The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Shri Pradeep Sharma CGM (Engg), NBCC, Shri Ashok B. Pillai, ED, NCDC, and Shri S.S. Vaseeharan, GM, NABARD.
