

Mother Dairy puree to tackle tomato prices

New Delhi: The Centre on Thursday directed state-run Mother Dairy to sell tomato puree from Friday through its 400-odd Safal outlets in the national capital as prices of the vegetable crossed Rs 80 a kg amid short supply. The decision was taken at an inter-ministerial meeting, which reviewed the price and supply situation of tomato. The consumer affairs ministry said Safal has agreed to provide tomato puree at Rs 25 per 200 gm pack which is equivalent to about 800 gm of tomatoes. Another larger pack worth 825 gm costing Rs 85 will also be made available. This is equivalent to about 2.5 kg of tomatoes. “The stocks have already been moved to all the outlets and the sales will begin from Friday,” the ministry said. The ministry also claimed that the prices will fall in 10 days when supply from two major tomato-growing states— Maharashtra and Karnataka— gets regular after disruption due to incessant rains during last few weeks. The prices of tomatoes have climbed to Rs 80 a kg in last few days. The ministry has also asked all tomato-producing states including Maharashtra, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh to ensure regular supply.

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