

## **Clarification on Recently Notified Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act,2017**

The Government has notified the Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act,2017 on 28th March,2017 and the provisions of the Amendment Act have come into force with effect from 1st April,2017, except those relating to crèche facility {Section 4(1)} which would come into force from 01.07.2017.

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## **MHA advisory to States/UTs on Prison Reforms**

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has written a letter to the Principal Secretary/Secretary Home (In-charge of Prisons) of all States and Union Territories on the resolutions adopted by 5th National Conference of Heads of Prisons of States/UTs on Prison Reforms.

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## **India unanimously elected to head UN-Habitat, the United Nations' Human Settlements Programme**

India has been unanimously elected as the President of the UN-Habitat, an organ of the United Nations' Organisation (UNO) that promotes socially and environmentally sustainable human settlements across the world, after 10 years.

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## **Radha Mohan Singh writes letters to all the Chief Ministers of the States**

## **/ Union Territories to review all the measures before time to handle the situation arising out of any monsoon failure**

Union Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Minister, Shri radha Mohan Singh, has written a letter to the all Chief Ministers of the States/UTs today for the review of the state of preparedness in managing any weather related contingency if any in advance so that the possible adverse impact of sub-par rainfall on the farmers can be mitigated. Shri Singh in his letter mentioned that India Meteorological Department (IMD) projected a likely rainfall of 96% (+ 5%) of the Long Period Average during Kharif 2017 in its first stage forecast for the South-West Monsoon. An updated forecast will be issued by IMD in June, 2017 with details of temporal (monthly) and regional distribution of monsoon rainfall.

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## **Release of monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for April 2017 under new series of WPI (Base 2011-12)**

he monthly wholesale Price Index for April 2017 under new series of WPI (Base 2011-12) will be released on 12th May 2017 instead of 15th May 2017 after Joint Press briefing scheduled for 12th May 2017 at 5.00 P.M