

■ **Export Ban Exemptions on Wheat Flour Removed**

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the proposal for amendment of the policy that exempts wheat flour from export ban. The approval has paved way for restriction on the export of wheat flour which will ensure a curb on rising prices of wheat flour and ensure food security of the most vulnerable sections of the society. The demand for wheat flour has increased in foreign markets due to the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, which account for around 1/4th of the global wheat trade. The export of wheat flour from India have registered a growth of 200 percent during April to July this year compared to the corresponding period last year. The increased demand for wheat flour in international market led to significant price rise of wheat flour in the domestic market.