

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**Department of Consumer Affairs**

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 882**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/12/2017

**RISE IN PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

882. SHRIMATI VIJILA SATHYANANTH:

**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that the prices of all essential daily items have gone up in recent times;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that cost of eggs have hit a high now, as costly as chicken;
- (c) if so, whether Government is considering to take an action to streamline the increase in price of all essential commodities; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI C.R.CHAUDHARY)**

(a) : Details of inflation rate as per all India Consumer Food Price Inflation (CFPI), brought out by M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) are as under:

*Base 2012=100*

<b>Inflation (%)</b>			
Year Month	2017	2016	2015
August	1.52	5.91	2.20
September	1.25	3.96	3.88
October	1.90	3.32	5.25
November	4.42(P)	2.03	6.07

(P): Provisional

(b) : As per the Sub group level Consumer Price Index (CPI) brought out by MoSPI, the percentage increase in price of eggs in recent months of 2017 are as under:

*Base 2012=100*

August	-1.75
September	-0.23
October	0.77
November	7.95(P)

(P): Provisional

(c) & (d) : Government has taken various measures from time to time to stabilize prices of essential food items which, *inter-alia*, include appropriately utilizing trade and fiscal policy instruments like import and export duty, Minimum Export Price, export restrictions, etc. to regulate domestic availability and moderate prices; imposition of stock limits; and, provision of higher Minimum Support Prices to incentivize farmers for increasing production. Besides, Government is also implementing Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme to help moderate the volatility in prices of agri-horticultural commodities like onion, potato and pulses.

\*\*\*\*\*