

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION No.562

TO BE ANSWERED ON 14/12/2018

RISE IN PRICE OF ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS

562. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: SHRIMATI CHHAYA VERMA:
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of increase in wholesale and retail price of food items in the last three years;
- (b) whether inflation has increased in October-November as compared to last year, if so, the reasons therefor and the reasons of failure of Government mechanism in controlling the price rise; and
- (c) the details of obstructions coming in the way of controlling the price rise of essential food items?

ANSWER

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

(a) : Details of increase in wholesale and retail prices of food items for the last three years, as per the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI- Food Index) brought out by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) and Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) respectively are as under:

All India Average Inflation Rate (%)

Indices	Year		
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
CFPI	4.87	4.23	1.80
WPI (Food)	1.19	5.81	1.93

(b) & (c) : Government has successfully contained inflation through appropriate policy intervention as is seen from the lower inflation rates for the months of October and November of the current year as compared to corresponding months of the last year both for Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI):

All India Average Inflation Rate (%)

Indices	October		November	
	2017	2018	2017	2018 (P)
CPI	3.58	3.38	4.88	2.33
CFPI	1.90	-0.86	4.35	-2.61

(P) : Provisional
Source: MoSPI
