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DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1541
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10TH DECEMBER, 2021

PRICES OF EDIBLE OILS IN THE DOMESTIC MARKET

1541 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION **उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री** be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the retail and wholesale prices of domestic edible oils have come down in spite of higher prices of edible oils in the international market; and

(b) the efforts being made by Government to bring down the prices of foodgrains also in the domestic market, the details thereof?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The efforts being made by Government to bring down the prices of foodgrains in the domestic market are given below and they have shown positive results.

- FCI has been allowed to undertake sale of wheat and rice in the open market through Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [(OMSS (D)] throughout the year upto 31st March, 2022 or till further orders, whichever is later as per extent of Policy.
- FCI sells stocks of wheat and rice in excess of stocking norms and strategic reserve in Central Pool in the open market at pre-determined prices through OMSS (D) to enhance supply in the lean season, especially in the deficit regions and thereby moderate the prices in the open market.
- The Reserve price for all categories of wheat has been kept uniform throughout the country without adding any further freight in order to scale up the sales and also to facilitate buyers to lift stocks from any place at ease without their dependence on the railways to move their stocks to their desired location.
- In view of possibility of resurgence of COVID-19 situation and to ease process of sale for the State Govts/UTs, FCI has given option to State Govts/UTs to lift stocks with or without e-auction at reserve price.

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