

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 36
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/12/2022

RISE IN PRICE OF RICE

*36. SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR GUPTA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the price of rice has risen due to fear of damage to the crop in some of the rice producing States; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to deal with the situation so that the common people do not face any problem in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) & (b) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 36 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 09.12.2022.

(a): The prices of agricultural produce including rice, are determined by the demand and supply conditions in the market, international prices etc. The all India monthly average wholesale price of Rice are given below:

Month	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22 (P)	Nov-22 (P)
Rs./Quintal	3675	3673	3681	3701	3696	3731	3801	3863	3966	3984	3999

Source: DES

Due to deficient rainfall in some Rice growing States like Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, the production of rice may decline as compared to last year.

(b): The Government has been taking various measures from time to time to augment domestic availability and stabilize prices of essential food commodities including rice to make them accessible to all the consumers across India at affordable prices. These steps, inter alia, include releases from the buffer, advising States for effective action against hoarders and black marketers and also requisite changes in trade policy instruments like rationalization of import duty, changes in import quota, restrictions on exports of the commodity, etc.

The Government has 204.67 lakh tonnes of rice stock in central pool as on 1/10/2022 against stocking norms of 102.50 lakh tonnes.

Under the PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PM-GKAY), the Government is distributing additional free-of-cost foodgrains (rice / wheat) to about 80 crore beneficiaries under National Food Security Act (NFSA) at the scale of 5 kg. per person per month over and above the regular monthly NFSA foodgrains. The amount of expenditure incurred on the scheme so far is Rs.2,88,926 crores.
