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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 192
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21/07/2023

INCREASE IN PRICE OF TOMATO AND OTHER VEGETABLES

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that since early July, retail price of tomato and other vegetables are up by 100 per cent;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether wholesale prices of vegetables in Mandis had begun to inflate in the last week of June, 2023 and Government has failed to contain prices of vegetables; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government to immediately reduce the prices of tomato and other vegetables?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): As per the information received from Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, the Daily Retail Modal Price of Tomato and other Vegetables (Rs/kg) is provided at Annexure.

(c) & (d): The Steps taken by the Government to reduce the prices of tomato and other vegetables are as follows:

- i. Government takes various measures from time to time to augment domestic availability and stabilize the prices of essential food commodities. These steps, inter-alia, include releases from the buffer to cool down prices, imposition of stock limits, monitoring of stocks declared by entities to prevent hoarding as also requisite changes in trade policy instruments like rationalization of import duty, changes in import quota, restrictions on exports of the commodity etc.
- ii. In order to stabilise the volatility in prices of onion, the government procured a record 2.51 lakh metric tonnes from Rabi-2022 crop under Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) and released in major consumption centres during September, 2022 and January, 2023. In current year, 2023-24, the procurement target is increased to 3.00 lakh metric tonnes from Rabi-2023.
- iii. To control the current increase in prices of tomato, the government undertakes the procurement and disposal of tomato under Price Stabilisation Fund. National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation (NAFED) and National Cooperative Consumers Federation (NCCF) are continuously procuring tomato from mandis in Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra disposing in major cities where retails prices have recorded maximum increase in last one month.

Annexure**Daily retail modal prices of Tomato, Potato and Onion (Rs/kg)**

Date	Tomato	Potato	Onion
01-06-2023	20	20	20
02-06-2023	20	20	20
03-06-2023	20	20	20
04-06-2023	20	20	20
05-06-2023	20	20	20
06-06-2023	20	20	20
07-06-2023	20	20	20
08-06-2023	20	20	20
09-06-2023	20	20	20
10-06-2023	20	20	20
11-06-2023	20	20	20
12-06-2023	20	20	20
13-06-2023	20	20	20
14-06-2023	20	20	20
15-06-2023	20	20	20
16-06-2023	20	20	20
17-06-2023	20	20	20
18-06-2023	20	20	20
19-06-2023	20	20	20
20-06-2023	20	20	20
21-06-2023	20	20	20
22-06-2023	20	20	20
23-06-2023	20	20	20
24-06-2023	20	20	20
25-06-2023	40	20	20
26-06-2023	40	20	20
27-06-2023	50	20	20
28-06-2023	44	20	20
29-06-2023	60	20	20
30-06-2023	100	20	20
01-07-2023	100	20	20
02-07-2023	100	20	20
03-07-2023	100	20	20
04-07-2023	100	20	25
05-07-2023	100	20	25
06-07-2023	100	20	25
07-07-2023	100	20	25
08-07-2023	100	20	25
09-07-2023	100	20	20
10-07-2023	100	20	25
11-07-2023	100	20	25
12-07-2023	100	20	25
13-07-2023	100	20	25
14-07-2023	100	20	25
15-07-2023	110	20	25
16-07-2023	120	20	25
17-07-2023	120	20	25
