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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 1001
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.07.2026

HOUSEHOLD FOOD INFLATION

1001. SHRI RANDEEP SINGH SURJEWALA
(OIH)

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

(a) whether Government has taken note of the increase in cost of home-cooked vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals during the last one year, due to the rise in prices of essential commodities, if so, the details thereof;
(b) whether Government has conducted any assessment regarding the impact of rising food prices and below-normal rainfall on household expenditure, if so, the details thereof; and
(c) whether Government has assessed the likely impact of the monsoon and food inflation on the prices of essential commodities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) to (c): Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the daily prices of 41 food commodities submitted by the 579 price monitoring centres across the country. The retail prices of cereals and pulses are largely stable over last one year due to record foodgrains production of 3,765.63 lakh tonnes in 2025-26 and ample stock available with the government. However, prices of some food commodities may fluctuate due to seasonal factors, international market developments and weather-related events.

Government keeps a close watch on the prices and availability of essential food commodities and the progress of south-west monsoon, crop conditions and market trends through regular reviews by the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC). The Committee reviews on regular basis, the price trends and outlook of essential agri-horticulture commodities and suggests measures to enhance availability through increased domestic production and rationalisation in export-import policies.

The Government is committed to monitor the evolving situation and, if required, take appropriate measures to ensure adequate availability of essential commodities with a view to contain undue price volatility.

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