

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4269
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2017**

PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

4269. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:
(OIH)

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

- (a) whether the prices of essential commodities like pulses and onion increase suddenly due to the nexus between the Government system/officials and the traders, give details thereof; and
- (b) whether there is a proposal to provide subsidized diesel to the farmers for agriculture through public distribution system and if so, whether the Government has coordinated with the Ministries concerned?

ANSWER

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री सी. आर. चौधरी)**

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

(a) : Increase in prices of essential commodities including pulses and onion is because of various factors including shortfall in production owing to adverse weather conditions, increased transportation costs, supply chain constraints like lack of storage facilities, artificial shortage created by hoarding and black marketing etc.

(b) : No Ma'am. No such proposal is under consideration.
