

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6086
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.04.2017**

PRICE HIKE

6086. SHRI SUNIL KUMAR MONDAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has been successful in controlling price hike of the essential items after almost five months of demonetization;
- (b) if so, the reasons why common people are still not able to buy essential items at tender price; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (c) : Prices show mixed trends after demonetization with prices of majority of these food items including pulses and vegetables recording a decline. Details are at Annexure.

Rise in the prices of essential food items are due to various factors such as shortfall in production, seasonality, increased transportation costs, supply chain constraints like lack of storage facilities, increase in demand because of rise in population, per capita income and change in food habits. In addition, speculation, cartelization, black-marketing/hoarding also put pressure on prices. Government has taken various measures that have resulted in moderation of prices of essential commodities like pulses and vegetables.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6086 FOR 11.04.2017 REGARDING PRICE HIKE.

Items	All-India Daily Average Retail Price During 5 Months after Demonetization in Rs./kg		% Variation During 5 months after Demonetization
	Price As On	Price After 5 months	
	8/11/2016	6/4/2017	5 months
Rice	27.66	29.04	4.99
Wheat	24.14	24.33	0.79
Atta (Wheat)	25.8	26.56	2.95
Gram Dal	121.69	88.9	-26.95
Tur/Arhar Dal	119.12	88.08	-26.06
Urad Dal	120.55	98.3	-18.46
Moong Dal	84.44	80.32	-4.88
Masoor Dal	82.45	75.2	-8.79
Sugar	40.81	42.62	4.44
Milk (/litre)	40.39	41	1.51
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	134.45	133.87	-0.43
Mustard Oil (Packed)	110.32	110.24	-0.07
Vanaspati (Packed)	76.39	78	2.11
Soya Oil (Packed)	84.29	86.12	2.17
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	93.66	93.79	0.14
Palm Oil (Packed)	70.67	70.2	-0.67
Gur	43.57	43.45	-0.28
Tea Loose	198.37	200.81	1.23
Salt Pack (Iodised)	15.01	14.95	-0.40
Potato	21.25	13.78	-35.15
Onion	15.8	14.58	-7.72
Tomato	22.14	17.88	-19.24

Source:- State/UT Civil Supplies Departments.
