

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1427
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2017

RISE IN PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

1427. SHRI SANKAR PRASAD DATTA: SHRI INNOCENT: SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:

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 taken note of the rise in prices of various essential commodities like foodgrains, pulses, edible oils and vegetables in the country during the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) the details of the cases of hoarding and black-marketing detected/reported along with the action taken against those held responsible during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and the measures taken to check recurrence of such cases;
- (d) whether the prices of vegetables are likely to see a steep rise in future, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated a policy to check the hoarding of vegetables taking place in the States and if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government so that the people can get relief from rise in prices of vegetables?

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) & (b) : Prices of most of the essential food items monitored by Price Monitoring Cell (PMC), D/o Consumer Affairs, declined or were relatively stable in the recent months. Details are at **Annexure-I**. Prices of pulses, wheat and edible oils generally showed a decline in recent months. A few food items like rice, gur, potato, onion and tomato recorded an increase. Increase in prices of food items is mainly on account of demand supply mismatch owing to shortfall in production due to adverse weather condition, seasonality, increase in transportation costs, supply chain constraints, etc.

- (c) : Details are at **Annexure- II**
- (d) : Prices of vegetables depend on their production and availability which is affected by various factors such as weather conditions, seasonal fluctuations in market arrivals, imperfections in marketing channels, etc.
- (e) : States/UTs have been empowered to enforce provisions of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supply of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 and may take action against hoarding of essential commodities including vegetables.
- (f) : Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, etc. The scheme envisages production and productivity improvement of horticultural crops, assistance for creation of post-harvest infrastructure as well as infrastructure for marketing of fruits and vegetables to ensure supply of fruits and vegetables. Also, Government is implementing Price Stabilisation Fund (PSF) scheme to help moderate price volatility of agri-horticultural commodities like onion and potatoes.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1427 FOR 25.07.2017 REGARDING RISE IN PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

All India Average Retail Prices Of Essential Commodities

Unit: ₹/kg

Commodities	Daily Average Retail Price						
	Price As On	1 Month Ago	2 Months Ago	3 Months Ago	% Variation over		
	20-07-2017	20-06-2017	20-05-2017	20-04-2017	1 Month	2 Months	3 Months
Rice	29.65	29.28	29.85	28.8	1.26	-0.67	2.95
Wheat	23.79	23.74	24.63	23.9	0.21	-3.41	-0.46
Atta (Wheat)	26.04	25.6	26.49	26.27	1.72	-1.7	-0.88
Gram Dal	81.98	84.78	87.56	89.27	-3.3	-6.37	-8.17
Tur/Arhar Dal	78.89	80.96	86.77	87.6	-2.56	-9.08	-9.94
Urad Dal	90.13	93.37	99.59	99.25	-3.47	-9.5	-9.19
Moong Dal	76.69	77.97	81.59	80.69	-1.64	-6.01	-4.96
Masoor Dal	69.13	71.26	74.51	74.83	-2.99	-7.22	-7.62
Sugar	42.96	42.65	42.52	42.53	0.73	1.03	1.01
Milk @	41.95	41.67	40.83	41.18	0.67	2.74	1.87
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	131.42	131.86	132.66	132.75	-0.33	-0.93	-1
Mustard Oil (Packed)	105.47	106.6	109.7	107.45	-1.06	-3.86	-1.84
Vanaspati (Packed)	77.37	77.4	78.64	76.91	-0.04	-1.61	0.6
Soya Oil (Packed)	84.01	84.26	85.26	85.47	-0.3	-1.47	-1.71
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	92.68	92.39	91.97	93.13	0.31	0.77	-0.48
Palm Oil (Packed)	69.15	69.2	69.76	69.68	-0.07	-0.87	-0.76
Gur	45.32	44.86	45.32	43.32	1.03	0	4.62
Tea Loose	203.88	203.65	202.19	200.06	0.11	0.84	1.91
Salt Pack (Iodised)	15.18	15.08	14.93	14.96	0.66	1.67	1.47
Potato	15.54	14.9	14.53	13.72	4.3	6.95	13.27
Onion	15.22	14.95	14.03	14.49	1.81	8.48	5.04
Tomato	63.83	21.36	16.77	18.15	198.83	280.62	251.68

ANNEXURE-II**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1427 FOR 25.07.2017 REGARDING RISE IN PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.**STATE WISE STATEMENT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER THE ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES ACT, 1955 DURING THE YEARS 2014 - 2016
(Relating to violation of orders issued under the EC Act)

Updates as on 18.7.2017

Sl. No	STATE/Uts	No. of Raids Conducted			Numbers of Persons									Detentions Ordered			Value of goods Confiscated		
					Arrested			Prosecuted			Convicted								
		2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016	2014	2015	2016
1	Andhra Pradesh	9025	13033	3001	259	299	79	0	46	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	32851	7060	3604
2	Arunachal Pradesh	NR	3	2	NR	1	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0.01	0
3	Assam	184	NR	77	0	NR	0	0	NR	8	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	8.5
4	Bihar	25	299	298	9	0	141	6	0	85	0	0	98	0	0	0	19.64	0	0
5	Chattisgarh	101	673	159	0	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	10	0	0	0	12.06	42.28	15.09
6	Delhi	NR	24	80	NR	2	1	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	3	NR	0	0
7	Goa	44	96	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Gujarat	7217	8551	9505	38	42	13	24	16	15	0	4	0	18	28	17	117.11	118.42	133.23
9	Harayana	63	99	76	15	183	74	4	13	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	7.08	124.14	94.44
10	Himachal Pradesh	13589	39314	32182	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.55	31.69	33.34
11	Jammu & Kashmir	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	NR
12	Jharkhand	125	189	154	35	43	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13	Karnataka	129	4529	3100	52	199	326	0	0	66	1	6	12	0	0	0	0.01	16.71	259.96
14	Kerala	18702	8465	9770	11	26	72	0	12	47	0	1	8	0	0	0	18.7	64	4.02
15	Madhya Pradesh	3255	38648	107	35	0	0	89	111	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	276.05	92.46	0

16	Maharashtra	515	6302	521	740	839	732	58	331	320	0	2	0	0	1	1	11958.2	42802.1	476
17	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Meghalaya	290	71	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
19	Mizoram	107	141	67	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	Odihsa	NR	2291	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	0	NR	NR	1	0	NR	0.02	NR
22	Punjab	141	10443	985	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6.34	0	0
23	Rajasthan	NR	840	61	NR	0	8	NR	0	8	NR	0	9	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
24	Sikkim	0	71	92	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	Tamil Nadu	9176	225	21337	3949	237	6070	1980	41	4001	2068	0	183	124	196	131	87.09	1.26	121.88
26	Telangana	NR	4601	2180	NR	349	206	NR	2	48	NR	0	5	0	1	7	0	609.47	1067.16
27	Tripura	NR	199	572	NR	0	0	NR	1	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	57.13	5.03
28	Uttarakhand	12571	5	601	87	9	33	264	8	5	0	1	0	0	0	4	356.7	2.5	0.57
29	Uttar Pradesh	455	2045	13284	122	107	221	27	121	215	0	17	95	0	0	0	61.97	252.71	392.98
30	West Bengal	0	842	547	0	175	168	0	55	30	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	96.24	10900.6
31	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	NR	86	145	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
32	Chandigarh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
33	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0	NR	0	0
34	Daman & Diu	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
35	Lakshadweep	780	3	0	10	0	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.83	0	0
36	Puducherry	6217	742	788	0	1	2	0	8	9	0	2	0	0	0	0	19.76	4.4	10.09
	Total	82714	142830	99720	5362	2513	8211	2473	782	4880	2073	65	423	142	227	163	45805.1	51375.5	17126.9

Source : Reports received from State Government/Uts

* NR : Not Reported

18	MEGHALAYA	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
19	MIZORAM	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	February
20	NAGALAND	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
21	ODISHA	NR	NR	4832	4832	0	0	0	0	NR	May
22	PUNJAB	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
23	RAJASTHAN	6	NR	38	38	0	0	2	0	0.54	March
24	SIKKIM	4	22	15	37	0	0	0	0	0	May
25	TAMIL NADU	33	NR	8146	8146	3659	1661	48	63	32.84	March
26	TELANGANA	31	3307	NR	3307	196	6	1	3	308.55	April
27	TRIPURA	8	NR	65	65	0	0	0	0	0	March
28	UTTARAKHAND	13	2	NR	2	3	0	0	0	0.44	February
29	UTTAR PRADESH	75	1412	NR	1412	132	131	32	40	217.98	May
30	WEST BENGAL	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0	NR	NR
31	A & N ISLANDS	3	85	0	85	0	0	0	0	0	May
32	CHANDIGARH	1	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	March
33	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
34	DAMAN & DIU	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
35	LAKSHADWEEP	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
36	PUDUCHERRY	2	168	725	893	0	5	0	0	16.25	June
	TOTAL	346	5289	26172	31461	4300	1898	84	111	710.49	

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