

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

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**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION No.1194**

**TO BE ANSWERED ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2017/PAUSHA 01, 1939 (SAKA)**

**IMPACT OF GST ON PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES**

**1194. SHRIMATI P.K. SREEMATHI TEACHER:**

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken any action to stop the spiralling prices of essential commodities due to the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST); and

(b) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE**

**(SHRI SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA)**

(a) & (b) The prices of essential commodities have been generally stable since the introduction of GST. Further, the rate structure of essential commodities is so designed that most of the essential commodities are in the rate slab of Nil / 5%.

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