

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2520
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2018

RISE IN FOOD PRICES

2520. SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY: SHRI RADHESHYAM BISWAS:
SHRI B.N. CHANDRAPPA:

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

- (a) whether it is true that prices of essential commodities including vegetables and fruits are on the rise and set to rise further in the country, if so, give details thereof;
- (b) whether it is true that the Government has set up Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) to give suggestion on the pricing of essential commodities;
- (c) if so, the details of the role and responsibilities of the PMC;
- (d) whether it is also true that prices of some of the essential commodities were monitored by PMC, if so, the details thereof for the last two years;
- (e) whether the Government has received all the necessary information on the price trends and availability of essential food items during the last 3 years, if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (f) the details of measures taken to check price rise of essential commodities?

ANSWER

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

THE MINISTER OF STATE
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(a) : Prices of essential commodities including vegetables and fruits, as reflected by the All-India Inflation rates, based on Consumer Price Index (CPI) and Wholesale Price Index (WPI), in recent months are provided at **Annexure-I**.

(b) to (e) : The Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) in the Department of Consumer Affairs monitors retail and wholesale prices of 22 essential commodities including cereals (rice and wheat), pulses (gram, arhar, urad, moong and masoor dal), vegetables (potato, onion and tomato), edible oils (groundnut, mustard, vanaspati, soya, sunflower and palm oil) & others (atta, milk, sugar, tea, gur and salt). PMC disseminates these price information online on its website at http://fcainfoweb.nic.in/pmsver2/reports/report_menu_web.aspx, for public access. PMC also provides policy inputs based on these prices to the highest levels, including Committee of Secretaries, Inter Ministerial Committee etc. to facilitate appropriate policy intervention. The requisite details of prices trends of 22 essential food items are at **Annexure-II**.

(f) : Government has taken various measures from time to time to stabilize prices of essential food items which, *inter-alia*, include appropriately utilizing trade and fiscal policy instruments like import and export duty, Minimum Export Price, export restrictions, etc. to regulate domestic availability and moderate prices; imposition of stock limits, and provision of higher Minimum Support Prices to incentivize farmers for increasing production. Besides, Government is also implementing schemes like Price Stabilization Fund (PSF), etc. to help moderate the volatility in prices of agri-horticultural commodities and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) for promoting production of horticultural products.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2520 FOR 02.01.2018 REGARDING RISE IN FOOD PRICES.

All-India Inflation rates (%)

A) Based on Consumer Price Index (Base 2012=100)

Commodity	2017		
	September	October	November (p)
Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI)	1.25	1.90	4.42
Fruits	5.07	5.05	6.19
Vegetables	3.92	7.54	22.48

p : Provisional

Source: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation

B) Based on Wholesale Price Index (Base 2012=100)

Commodity	2017		
	September	October	November (p)
Food Article	2.04	4.3	6.06
Fruits	2.93	3.96	4.19
Vegetables	15.48	36.61	59.8

p : Provisional

Source: Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP)

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) to (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2520 FOR 02.01.2018 REGARDING RISE IN FOOD PRICES.**ALL INDIA DAILY AVERAGE PRICES**

Items	Daily Average Retail Price (₹/Kg)				Daily Average Wholesale Price (₹/Qtl)			
	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago
	28-12-2017	28-12-2016	28-12-2015	26-12-2014	28-12-2017	28-12-2016	28-12-2015	26-12-2014
Rice	30.04	28.38	27.19	28.06	2662.58	2547.58	2424.61	2512.78
Wheat	23.9	24.6	22.93	22.54	2122.8	2212.59	2050.71	2004.62
Atta (Wheat)	26.49	27.32	24.4	24.11	2325.7	2399.34	2174.03	2076.25
Gram Dal	74.69	122.74	68.68	45.52	6756.64	11412.34	6308.88	4049.56
Arhar Dal	73.63	109.04	149.31	75.94	6665.92	9958.82	14083.89	7087.04
Urad Dal	75.57	110.39	141.13	77.96	6832.56	10027.27	13343	7161.3
Moong Dal	73.98	81.35	106.22	98.04	6731.01	7268.01	9892.82	9184.09
Masoor Dal	62.22	79.19	86.79	72.49	5528.89	7099.05	8023.19	6713.49
Sugar	42.02	40.74	32.11	34.02	3880.78	3804.39	2957.25	3119.42
Milk @	42.18	40.1	39.1	37.49	3930.67	3643.02	3631.32	3486.05
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	126.63	135.75	124.83	116	11969.44	12613.13	11709.14	10877.44
Mustard Oil (Packed)	106.72	113.07	112.01	99.51	9845.18	10314.19	10339.2	8954.6
Vanaspati (Packed)	79.13	78.14	71.1	74.83	7295.12	7125.58	6491.37	6777.74
Soya Oil (Packed)	87.51	85.47	81.55	82.69	8077.03	7876.13	7500.26	7514.27
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	94.51	94.68	95.74	93.55	8767.96	8787.57	8901.69	8537.06
Palm Oil (Packed)	72.94	70.81	62.52	64.9	6792.66	6588.96	5816.96	6074.25
Gur	45.01	43	38.87	39.6	4029.04	3821.46	3443.83	3504.02
Tea Loose	205.43	199.75	204.01	206.91	18337.92	17733.11	18340.27	19193.22
Salt Pack (Iodised)	15.08	14.97	15.03	14.51	1265.75	1235.51	1267.89	1250.42
Potato	15.38	15.47	15.16	21.44	1118.12	1134.6	1176.93	1670.49
Onion	42.68	14.92	23.1	26.46	3500.86	1106.88	1863	2164.67
Tomato	26.47	14.6	27.54	21.44	2053.26	1079.62	2192.91	1611.84

@: ₹/ltr.

Source:-State Civil Supplies Department
