

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 483
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2018

PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

483. SHRI D.K. SURESH: SHRI G. HARI:

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

- (a) whether the price of essential commodities are on the rise in the country and if so, the 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, if so, the details of the role and responsibilities of the PMC;
- (c) whether the prices of some of the essential commodities were monitored by PMC for the last two years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has received all the necessary information on the price trends and availability of essential food items during the last three years and if so, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (e) whether it is true that the price of eggs has hit an all time high and eggs have become as costly as chicken; and
- (f) whether the Government is considering to take action to streamline the price of all essential commodities and if so, the details thereof?

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) : Details of inflation rate as per All-India Consumer Food Price Inflation (CFPI), brought out by M/o Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) are as under:

Base 2012=100

Inflation (%)			
Year	2017	2016	2015
Month			
August	1.52	5.91	2.20
September	1.25	3.96	3.88
October	1.90	3.32	5.25
November	4.35	2.03	6.07
December	4.96(p)	1.37	6.40

(P): Provisional

(b) to (d) : The Price Monitoring Cell (PMC), set up in the Department of Consumer Affairs is monitoring, on a daily basis, prices of 22 essential food items which includes 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). Price trends for last three years, based on the information from reporting centres is at **Annexure**.

(e) : As per the Sub group level Consumer Price Index (CPI) brought out by MoSPI, the percentage increase in price of eggs in recent months of 2017 as are as under:

Base 2012=100

September	-0.23
October	0.77
November	8.26
December	9.48(p)

(P): Provisional

(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 creation of buffer stock of up to 20 lakh MT of pulses and, provision of higher Minimum Support Prices to incentivize farmers for increasing production. Besides, Government is also implementing Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) scheme to help moderate the volatility in prices of agri-horticultural commodities like onion, potato and pulses.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) To (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.483 FOR 06.02.2018 REGARDING PRICE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

ALL INDIA DAILY AVERAGE PRICES (in ₹/kg)

Commodities	Daily Average Retail Price				Daily Average Wholesale Price			
	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago
	01-02-18	01-02-17	01-02-16	30-01-15	01-02-18	01-02-17	01-02-16	30-01-15
Rice	30.51	28.86	27.73	27.72	2719.91	2590.08	2492.69	2484.48
Wheat	24.4	24.76	24.16	22.91	2173.1	2205.78	2135	2062.69
Atta (Wheat)	26.66	27.21	25.24	24.88	2341.88	2396.21	2249.94	2172.86
Gram Dal	72.72	108.6	66.54	47.8	6558.03	9933.29	6150.3	4340.17
Tur/Arhar Dal	73.77	99.03	143.29	78.15	6677.73	9059.64	13492.77	7346.47
Urad Dal	74.37	105.28	139.92	79.4	6724.12	9544.58	13358.41	7468.33
Moong Dal	74.44	79.61	103.82	99.2	6735.62	7153.28	9613.07	9355.44
Masoor Dal	62.87	78.22	82.48	74.59	5507.89	7056.49	7569.14	6944.06
Sugar	41.06	41.44	33.84	33.84	3793.09	3897.2	3126.62	3100.23
Milk @	42.4	40.53	39.12	38.88	3942.22	3723.72	3667.5	3616.35
Groundnut Oil (Packed)	126.59	134.55	122.59	118.53	11955.32	12549.09	11546.07	11183.57
Mustard Oil (Packed)	107.63	110.59	112.49	101.46	9923.95	10054.91	10386.27	9362.1
Vanaspati (Packed)	79.4	77.93	72.14	77	7340.75	7153.15	6621.5	7096.82
Soya Oil (Packed)	87.44	86.58	81.74	84.26	8128.22	7979.38	7504.71	7761.59
Sunflower Oil (Packed)	93.92	94.17	97.21	94.76	8738.63	8833.07	9083.54	8742.43
Palm Oil (Packed)	73.42	71.52	62.93	67.85	6840.84	6694.46	5886.15	6283.77
Gur	45.12	43	39.74	40.65	3998.06	3796.06	3542.94	3549.94
Tea Loose	207.92	201.37	203.35	206.59	18623.52	17978.77	18449.1	18285.97
Salt Pack (Iodised)	15.01	15.05	14.96	14.82	1256.23	1261.43	1270.36	1276.36
Potato	14.88	14.24	15.74	18.79	1082.35	1059.08	1232.06	1439.5
Onion	39.34	14.72	21.4	24.23	3231.66	1083.41	1723.72	1948.98
Tomato	21.03	15.28	22.7	22.1	1555.55	1133.2	1832.48	1648.21

Source:- State Civil Supplies Department @: ₹/ltr
