

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1251
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2018**

DIFFERENCES IN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICES

1251. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
(OIH)

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

- (a) whether there is a huge difference in the prices of essential commodities in the wholesale and the retail markets;
- (b) if so, the average difference thereof;
- (c) whether there is huge difference even in the production cost and wholesale market price; and
- (d) if so, the average difference of this type?

ANSWER

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
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**THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (d) : The difference between the prices of essential commodities in retail and wholesale market as well as the cost of production and wholesale market prices may be attributed to various factors such as demand-supply mismatch, perishability and storability of the produce, transportation cost, loading/unloading expenses, grading/sorting, wholesaler's margin, wastages during movement/weighing, location of retail shops, fixed overhead expenses of retailers and margin of retailers etc.