

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4453
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.01.2019**

PRICE RICE OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS

4453. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:
(OIH)

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 or is considering any initiative for effective measures to stop the unprecedented rise in the price of essential items;
- (b) if so, the details thereof as on date; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

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) to (c) : 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 advising States for effective action against hoarders & black marketers ; and, provision of higher Minimum Support Prices to incentivize farmers for increasing production. Government is also implementing Schemes which, inter alia, include Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP), etc. for increasing agricultural production and productivity through appropriate interventions. Besides, Government is also implementing Price Stabilization Fund (PSF) to help moderate the volatility in prices of agri-horticultural commodities like pulses, onion, and potato. Ministry of Food Processing and Industries (MoFPI) has also formulated a new scheme "Operation Greens" for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain which, inter alia, has the objective of price stabilisation for producers and consumers by proper production planning in the TOP clusters and introduction of dual use varieties. These policy interventions by Government had ensured that prices of the majority of essential food items monitored by Department of Consumer Affairs have remained relatively stable or declined with only a few recording marginal increase during 2018 over prices in 2017. Details of prices are **Annexed**.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4453 FOR 08.01.2019 REGARDING PRICE RICE OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS.

ALL INDIA YEARLY AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF 22 ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS MONITORED BY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

(Unit: in ₹/kg)

Commodity	Year	2017	2018
Rice		29.23	30.05
Wheat		23.90	24.20
Atta (wheat)		26.24	26.43
Gram Dal		87.28	66.47
Tur Dal		84.02	71.07
Urad Dal		92.35	70.83
Moong Dal		77.57	73.46
Masoor Dal		70.32	61.29
Groundnut Oil (Packed)		131.00	125.79
Mustard Oil (Packed)		106.98	106.16
Vanaspati Oil(Packed)		77.71	80.32
Soya Oil(Packed)		85.21	89.34
Sunflower Oil(Packed)		93.10	96.28
Palm Oil(Packed)		70.37	76.68
Potato		14.94	19.02
Onion		22.41	23.64
Tomato		32.32	21.82
Sugar		42.63	38.92
Gur		44.72	43.11
Milk (₹/ltr.)		41.58	42.31
Tea Loose		202.76	209.19
Salt		15.11	15.22

Source: - State Civil Supplies Deptt.
