

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

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2588
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.07.2019**

PRICE RISE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

2588. DR. RAMAPATI RAM TRIPATHI:
(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 paid attention to the rising prices of essential commodities such as foodgrains, pulses, edible oils and vegetables including onions in the country during the recent months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government to put a check on the rising prices of food items?

ANSWER

**उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री दानवे रावसाहेब दादाराव)**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI DANVE RAOSAHEB DADARAO)**

(a) & (b) : All India Daily Average Retail Prices of 22 essential food items including vegetables for recent months of current year are at **Annexure**. Prices of food items are inter-alia affected by mismatch in demand and supply, shortfall in production owing to adverse weather conditions and seasonality, increased transportation costs, supply chain constraints like lack of storage facilities, artificial shortage created by hoarding and black marketing, etc.

(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 duty and export management through instruments like 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 promulgation of appropriate 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), 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 Industries (MoFPI) is implementing scheme "Operation Greens" for integrated development of Tomato, Onion and Potato (TOP) value chain which, inter alia, has the objective of price stabilization for producers and consumers through production planning in the TOP clusters and introduction of dual use varieties.

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2588 FOR 09.07.2019 REGARDING PRICE RISE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.
-----**ALL INDIA MONTHLY AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES OF 22 ESSENTIAL FOOD ITEMS MONITORED BY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

(Unit: in ₹/kg.)

Commodity	Year	April 2019	May 2019	June 2019
Rice		30.41	30.86	31.54
Wheat		25.98	26.14	26.43
Atta (Wheat)		27.68	27.81	27.91
Gram Dal		64.83	65.64	66.16
Tur/Arhar Dal		75.65	79.22	83.22
Urad Dal		71.76	72.38	75.2
Moong Dal		76.55	78.75	81.92
Masoor Dal		61.99	61.87	62.6
Groundnut Oil (Packed)		126.6	127.95	129.05
Mustard Oil (Packed)		108.3	108.52	109.15
Vanaspati (Packed)		80.53	80.25	79.64
Soya Oil (Packed)		91.84	92.23	92.31
Sunflower Oil (Packed)		98.75	99.31	99.32
Palm Oil (Packed)		75.02	75.27	74.72
Potato		15.96	16.98	18.2
Onion		16.25	16.96	19.04
Tomato		25.89	32.57	35.89
Sugar		37.96	38.34	38.59
Gur		42.72	43.41	44.42
Milk (₹/ltr.)		43.24	43.47	43.27
Tea Loose		211.3	212.26	213.02
Salt Pack (Iodised)		15.35	15.28	15.38

Source: - State Civil Supplies Deptt.
