

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3562
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023

HIKE IN RATE OF PULSES

3562. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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 a fact that the retail food inflation, particularly the rate of pulses has greatly hiked in the last few months;
- (b) if so, whether the Government mechanism has not been able to control the inflation or issued any direction to the States/UTs for a crackdown on hoarders and black marketeers;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether any survey has been conducted to find out the reasons for the said inflation and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the details of the hurdles, if any, being faced in controlling the increasing prices of essential food commodities?

ANSWER

उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण राज्य मंत्री
(श्री अश्विनी कुमार चौबे)

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. Retail food inflation, measured by the Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) brought out by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), has declined from 8.60 percent in September, 2022 to 5.95 per cent in February, 2023. The rate of inflation for pulses in February, 2023 was 4.09% which is lower than (CFPI).

(d) & (e) : The Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the retail and wholesale prices of essential food commodities reported on daily basis by State Food and Civil Supply Departments from 482 price reporting centres across the country. Prices of food commodities are affected by diverse factors such as production, seasonality in crop arrivals, supply chain logistics, adverse weather conditions etc. The daily report of prices and indicative price trends are duly analysed for appropriate intervention for release of stocks from the buffer, export-import policy etc.
