

**Government of India**  
**Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution**  
**Department of Consumer Affairs**  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4747**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

**PRICE REPORTING CENTRES**

4747. SHRI SANJAY KAKA PATIL:

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

- (a) the objectives of the price reporting centres (PRCs) under the Price Monitoring Division;
- (b) whether the Government feels that these objectives have been achieved as per the targets;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the number of Price Reporting Centres (PRCs) in India;
- (e) whether it is a fact that some States do not even have one price reporting centre;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken to address this issue; and
- (g) the time when these PRCs were last surveyed and expanded by the Government?

**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 (g): Price Monitoring Division (PMD) of the Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the daily consumer retail and wholesale prices of 22 food commodities reported by the Price Reporting Centres (PRCs) located in Food and Civil Supplies Departments of the States/UTs. The objective of PRCs is to report the daily prices to Price Monitoring Division for compilation, analyses and dissemination of the data. The daily report of prices and indicative price trends are duly analysed for taking appropriate decisions for release of stocks from the buffer, export-import policy etc.

As on date there are 482 Price Reporting Centres covering 34 States/UTs. Lakshadweep and Ladakh Union Territories have not set up any price reporting centres. In 2022-23, the Department of Consumer Affairs has examined and expanded the number of price reporting centres by adding 304 new centres.

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