

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 372
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2020

PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

372. SHRI PASUNOORI DAYAKAR:

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 is aware of the increase in the prices of essential commodities including onion;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has imported hybrid onions from Turkey and other countries, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to control the prices of all essential commodities including onion, tomato, vegetables and pulses in future?

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) : The details of all India monthly average retail prices of 22 essential food items including onion is at **Annexure**.

(c) : Government directed MMTC to import onion to improve domestic availability and moderate its prices. MMTC floated global/country specific tender to import onions.

(d) : 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, 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.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.372 FOR 04.02.2020 REGARDING PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

All India Monthly Average of 22 Essential Food Commodities				
Unit: ₹/Kg				
S.No.	Centre	Nov-19	Dec-19	Jan-20
1	Rice	33.63	33.48	33.54
2	Wheat	28.26	28.27	28.61
3	Atta (Wheat)	29.78	29.73	30.09
4	Gram Dal	67.06	66.54	66.32
5	Tur/Arhar Dal	88.46	88.35	87.98
6	Urad Dal	91.4	96.4	99.01
7	Moong Dal	88.15	89.58	93.19
8	Masoor Dal	64.67	65.09	66.79
9	Groundnut Oil (Packed)	134.66	135.55	137.07
10	Mustard Oil (Packed)	112.52	113.67	117.13
11	Vanaspati (Packed)	81.34	83.41	86.91
12	Soya Oil (Packed)	93.15	94.03	98.35
13	Sunflower Oil (Packed)	101.72	102.44	106.04
14	Palm Oil (Packed)	78.32	82.4	88.77
15	Potato	22.83	25.35	26.83
16	Onion	61.08	94.95	64.23
17	Tomato	38.38	28.95	26.4
18	Sugar	39.5	39.21	39.3
19	Gur	46.8	46.15	46.48
20	Milk(₹/Kg.)	44.97	44.92	45.21
21	Tea Loose	216.89	216.74	218.4
22	Salt pack (Iodised)	15.52	15.59	15.64
