

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

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3616  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2021**

**STRENGTHENING OF PRICE MONITORING CELL IN MAHARASHTRA**

3616. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI:  
(OIH)

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

- (a) the number of centres working under the Scheme for strengthening of Price Monitoring Cell in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether any recommendation has been made to release financial assistance to Maharashtra Government under the scheme for strengthening of Price Monitoring Cell (PMC); if so, the details thereof,
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposal regarding financial assistance for a new price repository centre of the State Government of Maharashtra;
- (d) if so, the details along with the present status thereof; and
- (e) the time by which, it is likely to be approved?

**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 (e) : There are 5 price reporting centres in Maharashtra under the scheme, Strengthening of Price Monitoring Cell wherein, funds are released to States/UTs on the basis of proposals sent by them. An amount of Rs.6,37,097/- was released during 2020-21 to the Government of Maharashtra as financial assistance for the price reporting centres. The Department of Consumer Affairs received a proposal from the State Government for 4 new price reporting centres which were approved *in principle* for reporting daily retail and wholesale prices on trial basis. Thereafter, upon satisfactory fulfilment of the requisite conditions, one of proposed centres namely, Mangaon in Raigad District has been added to the list of price reporting centres in Maharashtra.

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