

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 295
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024

PRICE REPORTING CENTRES

295. SHRI P V MIDHUN REDDY:

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

- (a) the objectives of the Price Reporting Centres (PRCs) under the Price Monitoring Division;
- (b) whether 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 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 the issue; and
- (g) the date on which the PRCs were last surveyed and expanded by the Government?

ANSWER

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(a) to (g) : Price Monitoring Division of Department of Consumer Affairs monitors daily consumer retail and wholesale prices of selected 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 555 Price Reporting Centres covering 35 States/UTs. The Union Territory of Lakshadweep has not set up a Price Reporting Centre. In order to further improve the representativeness of prices data, the Department of Consumer Affairs had, in 2022-23, requested all the States and UTs to set up Price Reporting Centres in districts wherever feasible. As a result, the number of Price Reporting Centres has increased from 178 in December, 2021 to 555 in November, 2024.
