

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5099 (OIH)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025

MONITORING OF PRICES OF FOOD ITEMS

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(OIH)

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of food items being monitored by the Ministry to check price fluctuation till February 2025;
- (b) the number of essential commodities being monitored by the Ministry on a daily basis for retail and wholesale prices fluctuation till February 2025;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any steps for effective online monitoring of prices in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI B.L. VERMA)

(a) & (b) : As of February 2025, Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the daily prices of 38 essential food commodities submitted by the 555 price monitoring centres that have been set up with Central assistance by the State Governments and UT Administrations across the country. The 38 commodities monitored are Rice, Wheat, Atta, Maida, Suji, Bajra, Jowar, Ragi, Gram dal, Tur dal, Urad dal, Moong dal, Masur dal, Besan, Groundnut Oil, Mustard Oil, Vanaspati, Soya Oil, Sunflower Oil, Palm Oil, Ghee, Butter, Potato, Onion, Tomato, Brinjal, Black Pepper, Coriander, Cumin Seed, Red Chillies, Turmeric Powder, Banana, Egg, Sugar, Gur, Milk, Tea and Salt.

(c) & (d) : The Department of Consumer Affairs developed Mobile App for reporting daily prices by the 555 price reporting centres across States/UTs. Apart from improving the ease of reporting, the Mobile App ensures reporting from actual market locations by means of geotagging of the reported price data. Prices data are uploaded and published in the online price monitoring portal on daily basis. Department of Consumer Affairs has a team of dedicated staff for real time monitoring and checking of price reported by the price reporting centres. This ensures effective real time monitoring of prices.
