

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4436
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025

BLACK MARKETING OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES

4436. SHRI ESWARASAMY K:

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

- (a) the details of the number of raids were carried out during the last five years to check black marketing of essential commodities in States/Union Territories;
- (b) the details of the quantity of wheat, sugar, rice and other commodities seized during raids; and
- (c) whether the of persons were arrested in such raids and if so, the details thereof along with number and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c) : Details regarding the number of raids, value of goods confiscated, and persons arrested during the raids carried out in the last five years to check black marketing of essential commodities, as reported by the States/Union Territories, are as follows:

S.No	Year	No. of Raids Carried out	Value of Goods Confiscated (in crores)	No. of Persons Arrested
1.	2020	1,65,250	65.70	10,005
2.	2021	1,39,159	121.31	17,897
3.	2022	1,29,370	246.75	32,162
4.	2023	1,38,777	159.62	18,868
5.	2024	1,17,092	1623.78	19,536
