

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2802
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025

PRICE REPORTING CENTRES

2802. SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY:

Will the Minister of **CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION** 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 details of the number of price reporting centres in the Country;
- (e) whether it is a fact that some States do not even have one price reporting centre, if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to address this; and
- (f) the time when the PRCs were last surveyed and expanded by the Government?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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(a) to (f) : Department of Consumer Affairs monitors daily prices of 38 food commodities reported by Price Reporting Centres (PRCs) that have been set up with Central assistance by State Governments and UT Administrations across the country. The objective of PRCs is to report the daily prices to the Price Monitoring Division of Department of Consumer Affairs. The daily report of prices are collated and the indicative price trends are duly analysed for taking appropriate decisions regarding release of stocks from the buffer, rationalisation of export-import policy etc. to maintain availability and affordability of essential food commodities to the consumers. The objectives of PRCs are achieved as per the targets.

As on date, there are 575 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 575 in November, 2025.
