

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2814  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

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**2814. THIRU THANGA TAMILSELVAN:**

**Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is true that the Government has floated a discussion paper and invited views from experts, academicians, Government bodies, State Governments, financial institutions and other stakeholders on treatment of items distributed free of cost through Public Distribution System (PDS) in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) compilation framework and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of response/views received from experts, academicians, Government bodies, States Governments, financial institutions and other stakeholders as on date;**
- (c) whether it is also true that the Government is currently undertaking a revision of the CPI and also kicked off the exercise to revise the CPI base year from 2012 to 2024; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the timeline to revise the CPI likely to be completed?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION; MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE [RAO INDERJIT SINGH]**

**(a) and (b): A discussion paper on the treatment of free PDS (Public Distribution System) items in Consumer Price Index (CPI) compilation was published on 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2025 to seek comments and feedback of the experts, academicians and users. The comments covering the methodology, international practices, implication on monetary policy, economic rationale etc have been received.**

**(c) and (d): Ministry has undertaken the Base Revision of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the existing base year 2012 to the new base year 2024=100 to enhance the coverage in terms of markets and items, refinement in methodology, adoption of Classification of Individual Consumption to Purpose (COICOP) 2018 and inclusion of administrative and online data in CPI. First release of the new CPI series with base 2024=100 is to be made on 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.**

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