

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1415**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.05.2016

**PRICE INTERVENTION**

1415. SHRIMATI VANAROJA R.:

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

- (a) whether presently there is no unified mechanism to deal with sharp increase or fall in prices of essential commodities as different departments deal with different aspects of commodities;
- (b) if so, whether the Government is considering to set up a body for monitoring and intervening in case of sharp variation in the prices of essential commodities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the proposed body would be entrusted with responsibility to find alternatives to scarce commodities and engage all the stakeholders to control prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**मिन्टर कनसुमर अफेयर्स, फूड अण्ड पब्लिक डिस्ट्रिबुशन**  
**के अण्ड मिन्टर कनसुमर अफेयर्स, फूड अण्ड पब्लिक डिस्ट्रिबुशन**

**THE MINISTER OF**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)**

(a) to (d) : There is at present no such unified mechanism or Panel in operation. However, both price trends and availability of select essential food items are monitored on a regular basis at the highest level, including by Committee of Secretaries, Inter Ministerial Committee etc. for appropriate policy intervention.

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