

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2559
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MAY, 2016

PRICES OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

2559. DR. MANOJ RAJORIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken cognizance of the fact that the prices of fruits and vegetables increase several fold and even upto five times when they reach retail markets from mandi/wholesale market;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken/being taken by the Government to tackle the said problem;
- (c) whether the Government can assure that the gap between wholesale and retail prices will be bridged;
- (d) if so, whether the Government is contemplating on fixing the maximum profit margin by capping the price margin of fruits and vegetables; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which the maximum profit margin of fruits and vegetables is likely to be fixed?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) to (c): A statement showing monthly all India average wholesale and retail prices of major fruits and vegetables in 2016 is given at annexure, which shows retail price increased by 27.9% (minimum) to 85.9 % (maximum) as compared to wholesale price.

Reasons for fluctuations in prices include seasonality of production, perishable nature of these commodities and mismatch in demand and supply. The difference between wholesale and retail prices depend on a number of factors such as, number of intermediaries from wholesale mandi to consumers, transportation cost, loading/unloading expenses, grading/sorting, wholesaler's margins, wastages during movements/weighting, location of retail shop etc.

Government has taken steps towards market reforms. States/ UTs have been advised to amend their respective State APMC Acts. Government has launched the e-National Agricultural Market (eNAM) to ensure better price discovery for agriculture produce.

(d) & (e): No, Madam.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2559 due for 10.05.2016

Monthly All India average wholesale and retail prices of major fruits and vegetables in 2016

		Wholesale prices				Retail Prices				% increase in retail price as compared to wholesale price			
Commodity	Unit	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR
Vegetables													
Potato	Rs./Kg.	8.8	9.8	10.6	13.0	14.9	15.8	16.0	19.8	68.8	61.5	50.9	52.9
Onion	Rs./Kg.	14.9	12.0	10.9	11.3	21.6	18.2	16.7	16.3	44.7	50.8	53.3	44.2
Tomato	Rs./Kg.	12.0	8.6	9.1	16.0	21.0	15.9	15.8	23.2	75.5	85.9	73.6	44.4
Fruits													
Apples	Rs./Kg.	67.2	68.7	68.1	72.8	101.6	105.0	112.6	124.4	51.1	53.0	65.3	70.9
Banana	Rs./Dozen	25.3	26.8	29.0	32.4	38.9	39.2	39.2	41.4	53.9	45.9	35.4	27.9
