

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2736**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2016**

**PRICE MONITORING CELL**

2736. SHRI D.K. SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government has set up the Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) and if so, the details, role, responsibilities and objectives thereof;
- (b) the details of the essential commodities for which prices were monitored by the PMC during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Government has received all the necessary information on the price trends and availability of essential food items during the said period and if so, the details thereof, year-wise; and
- (d) whether the Government has any proposal to set up any effective mechanism to control the prices of essential commodities and ensure their availability to common people at reasonable prices and if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**Yes, Sir. I would like to state that the Government has set up a Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) in the Department of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The details of the essential commodities for which prices were monitored by the PMC during the last three years are given in Annexure. The Government has received all the necessary information on the price trends and availability of essential food items during the said period and if so, the details thereof, year-wise, are given in Annexure. The Government has no proposal to set up any effective mechanism to control the prices of essential commodities and ensure their availability to common people at reasonable prices and if so, the details thereof.**

**THE MINISTER OF STATE**  
**CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**  
**(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)**

(a) to (c) : The Price Monitoring Cell (PMC), set up in the Department of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, is monitoring, on a daily basis, prices of 22 essential food items which includes cereals (rice and wheat), pulses (gram, arhar, urad, moong and masoor dal), vegetables (potato, onion and tomato), edible oils (groundnut, mustard, vanaspati, soya, sunflower and palm oil) & others (atta, milk, sugar, tea, gur and salt). Price trends for last three years, based on the information from reporting centres is at **Annexure**.

(d) : The price trends and availability of select essential food items are monitored on regular basis at the highest levels, including by Committee of Secretaries, Inter Ministerial Committee etc. for appropriate policy intervention.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2736 FOR 02.08.2016 REGARDING PRICE MONITORING CELL.**

Commodities	All India Average Retail Price (Rs/Kg.)				All India Average Wholesale Price (Rs/Qtl.)			
	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago	Price As On	1 Year Ago	2 years Ago	3 Years Ago
	29/7/2016	29/7/2015	28/7/2014	29/7/2013	29/7/2016	29/7/2015	28/7/2014	29/7/2013
Rice	27.46	27.17	27.76	26.29	2467.89	2454.92	2495.2	2353.9
Wheat	23.42	22.63	21.07	20.83	2074.4	2038.76	1879.33	1876.95
Atta (Wheat)	24.86	24.43	23.02	22.85	2191.82	2164.64	2004.94	2027.29
Gram Dal	98.58	60.23	44.78	52.43	9187.88	5577.76	3993.18	4705.13
Tur/Arhar Dal	137.6	99.35	70.14	68.69	12860.38	9421.35	6533.24	6429.29
Urad Dal	149.86	99.03	73.14	58.98	14054.55	9428.14	6823.9	5415.35
Moong Dal	95.68	98.74	87.64	74.14	8759.13	9245.65	8184.38	6899.21
Masoor Dal	85.88	82.87	66.77	58.3	7924.65	7841.95	6195.07	5375.72
Sugar	40.14	28.67	36.25	36.17	3754.43	2585.85	3388.38	3383.18
Milk (per ltr.)	40.26	39.2	37.72	33.78	3706.34	3699.65	3656.62	3310
Groundnut Oil	134.76	121.11	119.21	129.98	12788.08	11500	11114.15	12125.74
Mustard Oil	109.09	102.84	93.49	98.23	10124.72	9567.35	8569.36	8983.88
Vanaspati	74.03	74.25	76.76	71.41	6894.21	6844.33	7079.22	6640.81
Soya Oil	82.73	82.78	83.84	84.44	7690.74	7552.73	7853.03	7859.35
Sunflower Oil	95.41	93.07	94.22	99.33	8968.41	8768.7	8841.74	9276.35
Palm Oil	68.46	65.64	68.86	67	6391.47	6088.8	6477	6389.66
Gur	42.93	40.06	40.37	41.37	3832.51	3535.12	3601.18	3763.55
Tea Loose	199.25	204.55	203.38	201.47	18104.11	18637.94	18507.91	18192.94
Salt Pack	14.49	14.83	14.75	13.58	1243.33	1276.73	1287.56	1161.26
Potato	22.89	15.9	24.27	18.02	1833.68	1227.61	1955.2	1402.06
Onion	17.21	32.24	29.61	31.96	1298.03	2748.82	2412.35	2694.65
Tomato	35.95	28.86	52.59	37.45	2929.08	2276.11	4350.39	2956.7

**Source: State Civil Supplies Department.**

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