

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 04.12.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**HIKE IN PRICES OF CORN .**

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Will the Minister of COAL AND AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether corn prices are rising;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of corn exported to each country during the last three years; and
- (d) the role of Andhra Pradesh farmers producing corn in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

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(a) & (b): Monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (Base Year 1993-94 = 100) for Corn showed a mixed trend during the period 2007 to 2009 (November 2009). However from December 2008, the WPI for Corn increased continuously up to September, 2009 and thereafter started declining. The statement showing trends in the Monthly WPI of Corn over the last three years is given below:

Monthly WPI for Maize/Corn from 2007

Months	2007	2008	2009
January	240.2	234.3	264.5
February	244.8	237.2	268.4
March	249.3	244.5	269.4
April	248.8	246.0	277.7
May	244.0	246.4	282.2
June	242.6	254.6	287.3
July	240.7	252.5	290.7
August	236.0	252.6	299.9
September	228.8	249.8	300.9
October	228.3	254.4	295.9
November	225.0	258.9	295.2
December	223.4	254.4	-

(c): The details of Corn exported to each country from 2006-07 to 2008-09 is enclosed at Annexure.

(d): State-wise data on exports are not available