

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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MEASURES TO TACKLE PRICE RISE .

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

- (a) whether Government is planning to provide pulses and other essential commodities through Public Distribution System; and
- (b) if so, the measures being taken to tackle price-rise situation of essential commodities in the country?

ANSWER

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

(Prof. K.V. Thomas)

(a) & (b): At present, Central Government makes available wheat, rice, coarse grains and Kerosene under TPDS to the State/UT Governments for distribution through Fair Price Shops. Pulses imported by the PSUs viz STC, PEC, MMTC and NAFED are supplied to the State Governments for distribution through PDS at the subsidy of Rs.10 per kg per ration card holder. In view of the rise in prices of essential commodities witnessed during the recent past, Government has allocated imported edible oils to State/UT Governments. States are free to distribute the edible oil through whatever outlets they decide on. The Government Measures to check the prices of essential commodities are given in Annexure I.