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RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
PRICE RISE OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that despite a very good monsoon, the prices of essential commodities, particularly vegetables are sky rocketing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has made any survey to determine the causes of the recent price- rise;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the measures taken to contain the price rise?

ANSWER

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(a) & (b): The retail prices of rice, wheat, pulses such as tur dal, urad dal, masoor dal, moong dal, vegetables such as potato are showing steady to declining trend while the prices of gram dal, sugar and onion have marginally increased as observed in 4 metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai over a period of three months.

The details of the retail prices of essential commodities in 4 metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai over the last three months is given in Annexure I.

(c) & (d): There is no specific survey/study conducted to determine the causes on price rise. The prices of essential commodities are continuously monitored by the Government. The Price Monitoring Cell in the Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the prices of essential commodities based on the information received from the State Food and Civil Supplies Departments.

(e) : The details of the fiscal and administrative measures taken by the Government to contain the price rise are given in Annexure II.