

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
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ANSWERED ON
FOOD INFLATION .

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that food inflation touched 15.1 per cent for the week ended on 4th September, 2010 compared to 14.6 per cent in the earlier week, as cereals, select vegetables and milk became costlier after rains disrupted supplies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, including Andhra Pradesh; and
- (c) the steps being taken to avoid such situation in future?

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): The WPI food inflation stood at 15.1% for the week ended on 4.9.2010 as compared to 14.76% for the week ended on 28.8.2010. The prices of vegetables had increased due to seasonal factor and now are showing downward trend. The details of the WPI inflation rate for the cereals, select vegetables and milk for the week ended 4.9.2010 and 28.8.2010 is given in Annexure-I. Government compiles and releases WPI on All India Basis and not State-wise.

(c) : Government has taken fiscal and administrative measures to contain price rise and to ensure availability of essential commodities. The steps taken by the Government are given in Annexure-II.