

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 07.03.2011
ANSWERED ON
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHOLESALE AND RETAIL PRICE .

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

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- (a) whether it is a fact that there is a great difference between the prices of essential consumer items in the wholesale market and the retail market;
- (b) if so, the average difference thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that there is also a huge difference between the price of produce and the sale price of wholesale market in the country; and
- (d) if so, the average difference thereto?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The average difference between the average retail and average wholesale prices across different centers of select essential commodities as on 1.3.2011 is as follows:

- (i) Rice average difference Rs. 1.69 per kg.
- (ii) Wheat average difference of Rs. 1.84 per kg.
- (iii) Pulses in the range of Rs. 3.2 per kg. to Rs. 5.3 per kg.
- (iv) Edible oil in the range of Rs. 2.58 per kg. to Rs.6.52 per kg.
- (v) Potato average difference of Rs. 2.34 per kg.
- (vi) Onion average difference of Rs. 4.28 per kg.

(c) & (d):The table showing average difference between MSP and average wholesale prices of rice, wheat and pulses are given in Annexure I. In the case of edible oils, MSP is given for oil seeds and hence is not strictly comparable with the average wholesale price of the corresponding edible oils.