

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 07.03.2011
ANSWERED ON
PRICE RISE OF ESSENTIAL ITEMS .

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Smt. Kusum Rai

Will the Minister of COALCONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :
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- (a) the details of rise in prices of essential items including cereals, milk, etc. during the last one year, till January 2011, month-wise and item-wise;
- (b) whether food inflation have reached to alarming level of around 20 per cent during the last week of December, 2010;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reasons for inability of Government to check the rising prices of essential items in spite of a continuous assurance by the Ministry to contain the price rise of food items?

ANSWER

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

(PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) : The details of the retail prices of essential commodities including cereals, milk etc, during the last one year, till January 2011, month-wise and item-wise in 4 metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai is given in (Annexure I).

(b) to (d): The WPI based food inflation rate (%) of primary food articles after having reached the peak of 22.93% for the week 22.6.2010 declined to 8.93% for the week ended 27.11.2010 and rose to 20.84% for the week ended 25.12.2010. The spurt in the food inflation (%) during December, 2010 was driven by increase in prices of some vegetables and fruits, milk and egg, meat and fish. On account of immediate steps taken by the Government, the food inflation rate (%) declined to 10.39% for the week ended 19.2.2011.

A list of Government measures to contain the price rise of food items are given in Annexure II.