

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2080  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2<sup>ND</sup> AUGUST, 2023

INCREASING PRICES OF WHEAT AND RICE

†2080. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION उपभोक्ता मामले, खाद्य और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of wheat and rice are increasing constantly in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to check the inflating prices;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
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(a): Government of India is closely monitoring the domestic retail prices of wheat and rice. The retail price of wheat and rice are continuously changing. The average retail price of wheat in January 2023 was Rs.31.58 per kg which reduced to Rs.28.74 per kg in May, 2023. Thereafter, the average retail price of wheat has again increased to Rs.29.59 per kg in July, 2023. The average retail price of rice has also increased to Rs.40.82 per kg in July, 2023 from Rs.38.09 per kg in January, 2023.

(b) to (d): Government has taken various steps from time to time to augment domestic availability and stabilize the prices of essential food commodities. These steps, inter-alia, include releases of wheat and rice under OMSS(D) from the buffer to cool down prices, imposition of wheat stock limits, monitoring of stocks declared by entities to prevent hoarding and restrictions on exports of the commodity.

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