

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRICES OF OILSEEDS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the prices of oilseeds continue to remain firm in the country despite arrival of oilseeds in the markets from the Kharif season, 2009;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken to reduce the prices of oilseeds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam. Monthly Wholesale Price Index (WPI) (Base Year 1993-94=100) for oilseeds given below indicates that the prices of oilseeds have remained more or less firm even after the arrivals of Kharif crop.

Monthly Wholesale Price Index of oilseeds
Month

September-2009 250.5

October-2009 243.5

November-2009 256.5

December-2009 256.5

January-2010 266.1

(b): State-wise information on wholesale prices of oilseeds in selected Markets is at annexure I.

(c): Prices are determined by the forces of demand and supply. To increase productivity /production of oilseeds the Government of India is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 14 major oilseeds and pulses, and 15 maize growing States viz; Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal with effect from 01.04.2004.