

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:264

ANSWERED ON:16.03.2010

PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET

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

- (a) whether the prices of several essential commodities in the domestic and international markets move in tandem;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the impact of the recent fall in the international prices of essential commodities on the prices in the domestic market;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any scheme/action plan including curb on demand from bulk consumers, shoring up of supply, revamping of Food Corporation of India (FCI) and rejuvenating distribution system to control prices; and
- (e) if so, the details and the outcome thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.264 FOR 16.03.2010 REGARDING PRICES 01 ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES IN INTERNATIONAL MARKET.

(a) & (b): The domestic and international prices of most essential commodities are generally moving in tandem. Details are at Annexure I.

(c): The recent fall in international prices has been accompanied by a decline in domestic prices.

(d): Government has formulated schemes/action plan including curb on demand from bulk consumers, shoring up of supply and rejuvenating distribution system in order to control prices.

(e): Details of steps taken by the Government are listed in Annexure II. Prices of most essential commodities have either declined or have been steady in the last three months as is evident from Annexure III.