

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:17
ANSWERED ON:23.02.2010
MONITORING OF PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
Tewari Shri Manish

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

- (a) whether there has been an inflationary trend in the commodities monitored by the Price Monitoring Unit (PMU) during the last one decade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof indicating the inflationary trend in wholesale and retail prices of the said commodities;
- (c) whether there has been any period of 90 days or more when the wholesale or retail prices of the said commodities have shown a downward trend on an year on year basis either cumulatively or commodity-wise over the same period;
- (d) if so, the comparative figures of the wholesale and retail prices of the said commodities;
- (e) whether divergence between the wholesale and retail prices of these commodities has been recorded and analysed on an year basis and there is a wide gap between the retail and wholesale prices reflected on the PMU website and the actual prices in the market;and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.17 FOR 23.02.2010 REGARDING MONITORING OF PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES.

(a) & (b): Centrewise average of Wholesale and Retail Prices and variation between these two prices of 10 Essential commodities in the select centres over the period 2007 to 2009 is given in Annexure I.

(c): Data is not available in readily usable form.

(d)to (f): Details are given in Annexure I.