

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

STARRED QUESTION NO:20

ANSWERED ON:09.11.2010

PRICE RISE

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

- (a) whether the prices of the essential commodities including food items have been rising despite a favourable monsoon and steps taken to curb prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any survey/study on price rise and its impact on the economy;
- (d) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to check prices and insulate the common man from the effect of price rise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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.20 FOR 09.11.2010 REGARDING PRICE RISE.

(a) & (b): A mixed trend has been observed in the price behaviour of essential commodities over the last one year. The retail prices of sugar, pulses such as tur dal, moong dal, masoor dal and potato had declined while that of rice, wheat, edible oils such as mustard oil, vanaspati, and onion increased as indicated by the trends in 4 metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai over the last one year (Annexure I). The increase in prices of the rice and wheat can be attributed partly due to the increase in MSP. The rise in prices of edible oil has been due to the hardening of international prices and demand supply mismatch due to which import is resorted to. Weather, apart from seasonal factors, contributed to increase in prices of some vegetables.

(c) & (d): There is no specific survey/study conducted on price rise. The prices of essential commodities are continuously monitored by the Government. The Price Monitoring Cell in the Department of Consumer affairs monitors the prices of essential commodities based on the information received from the State Food and Civil Supplies Departments.

(e): The steps taken by the Government to check prices and insulate the common man from the effect of price rise is given in Annexure II.