

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

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CONSUMPTION PATTERN OF FOOD ITEMS  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the rise in prices of essential commodities is attributable to increased consumption of foodgrains, vegetable, fruits and other food items; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**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 (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Rise in domestic prices is due to the combined effect of factors such as shortfall in domestic supplies relative to demand, increase in MSP, hardening of international prices, changes in consumption pattern, adverse weather and climate change, improvement in income and living standards, weather and seasonal factors etc. Market expectations and sentiments play a major role in price rise.

The details of per capita consumption of food items during 1993-94, 1999-00 and 2004-05 is given in Annexure I.