

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:986
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PRICES OF COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether cartelization by some large traders is responsible for manipulation in prices of commodities particularly essential commodities leading to spurt in prices; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the remedial steps taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a): While no such report has been received, recently a reference has been made to Competition Commission of India with respect to onion.

(b): Does not arise.