

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

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CONFERENCE ON PRICE RISE

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

- (a) whether a conference of Chief Ministers was convened recently on the issue of price rise and to devise ways and means to check the same;
- (b) if so, the details of the issues discussed and the decisions taken therein alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps including changes in rationing system, opening up of retail sector etc. to check prices; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the success achieved therein?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Zonal meetings of the Ministers of Food/PD/ Consumer Affairs of the States were recently held in South Zone, North Zone, East Zone and West Zone, to devise ways to control rise in prices and ensure adequate availability of essential commodities at affordable prices for consumers.

Discussions/recommendations focused on issues related to allocation and PDS,improving storage related issues, FCI related issues regarding procurement, storage and movement, availability of levy sugar under TPDS, effective implementation of Essential Commodities Act and stock holding limits.

(c) & (d): Government has taken various steps to check the rise in prices of essential commodities as given in Annexure I. There is no proposal to change the rationing system under TPDS.