

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HIKE IN PRICES OF GARLIC
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the prices of garlic, a medicinal herb is rising sharply during the last few months;
- (b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the remedial steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): The prices of garlic in domestic market have been generally declining since January, 2011. The prices of garlic during 2011 at major centers are as under:

Wholesale Prices of Garlic (Rs. Per Quintal)

(Average Model Price)

Centre/States Jan Feb. Mar. ApI. May June. July.

Pune	17764	11654	4418	4663	4810	4757	4354
(Maharashtra)							
Rajkot	11561	7492	3163	2864	3063	2833	2176
(Gujarat)							
Karnal	15050	8700	5406	3645	3093	3412	3775
(Haryana)							
Bangalore	14954	9557	4464	3965	4004	3992	3468
(Karnataka)							
Kolkata (W.B.)	15973	7819	3465	4271	4694	3883	3650

Source: National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF)

(c): Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) Government is providing assistance to garlic growers in the country through National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) and State Governments. The most effective measure for stabilizing retail price of horticulture products is for establishing good Post Harvest Management infrastructure in the country for which Department of Agriculture & Cooperation provides assistance under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States (HMNEH). This includes establishment of cold storages, setting up of terminal markets, wholesale markets and rural primary markets/apni mandies to ensure adequate supply of horticulture produce to the consumers at reasonable prices and also to provide remunerative returns to the farmers. Apart from NHRDF different state Governments are also implementing NHM programme for their states, by which a large number of garlic growers are getting assistance under different programmes. These measures will also assist in increasing the production of garlic and thereby stabilizing its prices in the country.