

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY  
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE OF SPICES  
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the prices of garlic have risen sharply during the past few months;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check further increase in the prices of garlic?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

a) & b) No, Madam. The prices of garlic have not increased sharply during the past few months till October 2011. Only in the month of November, 2011 the average prices of garlic increased to Rs.85.00 per kg as compared to Rs.47.50 per kg in the month of October, 2011 because of the off season and reported higher demand for seed material against short supply in domestic market.

c) The most effective measure for stabilizing prices of horticulture products including garlic is to establish good Post Harvest Management infrastructure in the country for which Government 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, whole sale 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. National Horticulture Board (NHB) is also implementing a scheme "Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/ Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storages for Horticulture Produce" which includes garlic as well.