

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

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RISE IN PRICES OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of essential commodities including foodgrains, pulses, edible oil, vegetables, milk etc. are on the rise despite the remedial steps taken by the Government,
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any fresh scheme/action plan to improve availability and control the prices of essential commodities;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (e) whether steps are being taken to strengthen the Price Monitoring Cell and vest it with more powers to control price rise; and
- (f) 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 (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the table of the House.