

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

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IMPACT OF RISE IN PETROL DIESEL PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment regarding the impact of hike in petrol and diesel prices on the prices of essential commodities;
- (b) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to remedy the situation?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Yes sir.

(b): The Department of Consumer Affairs monitors prices of 17 essential commodities. The prices of nine essential commodities (viz. rice, wheat, Atta, sugar, Milk, Mustard Oil, Vanaspati, Salt and potato) have remained stable since hike in petrol and diesel prices. However, prices of pulses (viz Gram dal, Tur dal, Urad dal, Moong dal and Masur dal) have increased. But the same cannot be attributed to hike in petrol and diesel prices as it is because of the demand supply mismatch and hardening of international prices. Prices of other items, like Tea and Onion have, in fact, declined.

(c): In view of (b) above, does not arise.