

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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INFLATION

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has convened/proposes to convene with Chief Ministers of various States to discuss and devise strategies to combat inflation in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the success achieved thereon; and

(c) if not, the time by which such a meet is likely to be convened?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) A Conference of Chief Ministers was held on 06.02.2010, which was presided over by the Prime Minister to consider measures to insulate the poor and vulnerable from adverse price movements. As a follow up, a Core Group of some Chief Ministers and concerned Central Ministers met under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister on 08.04.2010 and recommended inter alia setting up of a Working Group on Consumer Affairs (under the Chairmanship of CM Gujarat with CMs of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra as its Members). This Core Group decided to constitute three working groups on (i) Agriculture Production (ii) Consumer Affairs (iii) Food & Public Distribution. These Working Groups have subsequently submitted their reports and action initiated by the respective Departments on the agreed points which emerged out of recommendations of the Working Groups. The agreed points inter alia include

(i) adoption of micro planning approach to improve agriculture;

(ii) reforming APMC legislations;

(iii) preparation of framework on research in Agriculture;

(iv) estimating the financial implication of implementing the National Food Security Bill;

(v) examining the recommendations of establishment of a dedicated central body for collecting, disseminating and analysing information on markets; and

(vi) end to end computerization of PDS operation with full integration with Unique Identification.