

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5630
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2013
DIFFERENCE IN PRICES OF PACKED PRODUCTS
Beg Shri Mirza Mehboob

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a big difference has been observed between the prices of packed food items of corporate houses and that of open food items reaching the market directly or indirectly;
- (b) if so, whether these corporate sector houses are arbitrarily increasing the prices of milk and other food items; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto along with the remedial action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

(a) :Yes Madam, it is observed that there is some difference between the prices of packed food items of corporate houses and that of open food items reaching the market directly or indirectly. The reason for higher price of corporate houses may be due to their overhead expenses like transportation, packing, profit and taxes etc.

(b) & (c): No such report has been received by Government.