

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

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TELECAST OF FUTURES PRICES  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether telecast of multi-commodity exchange prices of food items on television channels has led to rise in their prices;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether telecast of the said information on television channels promotes speculation in forward trading in commodity futures markets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to stop telecasting of multi-commodity exchange prices of food items in order to control price rise?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): No, Madam. Futures trading is a mechanism for price risk management and price discovery and does not contribute to price rise. The Multi Commodity Exchanges disseminate the data on futures prices of commodities that are discovered on its platform through a transparent online mechanism based on anticipated demand and supply conditions, through various means including television channels.

(e) : There is no proposal under the consideration of the Forward Market Commission (FMC), the Regulator for commodity futures markets under the provisions of the Forward Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1952 to ban the telecast of futures prices on news channels. Wide dissemination of futures prices which have already been discovered on the Exchange platform promotes awareness among the various stakeholders of the market and help their take informed decisions.