

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:358
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2013
HIKE IN PRICES
Ramasubbu Shri S.

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

- (a) whether the Government has hiked the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of various crops during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether there are any reports/ complaints alleging excessive and unrealistic hike in the prices of the said crops by the unscrupulous traders on the pretext of hike in MSP; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective action taken/proposed to be taken to rein in such traders and protect the interest of consumers?

Answer

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

- (a) : Yes, Madam.
- (b) : According to available information, such reports / complaints have not been received.
- (c) : In view of (b) above, does not arise.