

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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AGRICULTURAL DATA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to change the existing system of collection of data related to agriculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing system for the collection of data related to retail prices of essential commodities has become ineffective; and
- (d) if so, the time by which the new system for collection of agricultural data is likely to be introduced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The Department of Consumer Affairs monitors the wholesale and retail prices of 22 essential commodities based on the data collected as per the norms/specification and guidelines provided by the Department. At present, there is no decision to change the existing system of collection of data on prices of essential commodities.