

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

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken note of the rise in the prices of commodities not covered under the Essential Commodities Act and if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto;
- (b) whether the Government has established any price control mechanism to check the prices of the said commodities; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c) The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) is the official indicator of the price trends of commodities including those not covered under the Essential Commodities Act. The WPI released on a monthly basis is monitored and appropriate measures for price control taken by the government as and when required.