

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

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1919

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HOARDING AND BLACK MARKETING .

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

- (a) whether incidents of hoarding and black-marketing of essential commodities including foodgrains, edible oil, sugar, vegetables etc. leading to artificial shortages and rise in prices have been reported/ noticed in the recent past;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with its impact on the supply and prices of the essential commodities during the last one year and the current year;
- (c) the details of the action taken under various legislations/regulations in place to check hoarding and black-marketing and for ensuring supply of essential commodities in the country indicating the number of raids conducted, irregularities detected, quantity of various items recovered, persons arrested and convicted during the last six months, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to monitor retail prices, check speculation and hoarding to ensure adequate supply of essential commodities and check prices along with the success achieved therein?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(PROF. K. V. THOMAS)

- (a) : No such incidents have been reported by any State/Union Territory.
- (b) : Does not arise.
- (c) : The details are given at Annexure I.
- (d) : The details are given at Annexure II.