

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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PRICE RISE

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made a study on the mode of marketing and transaction in goods and commodities right from the production with a view to lessening the pressure of inflation on the common man;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any traders/commercial lobby has suggested setting up of a national level commission in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the other measures taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation had conducted a Millennium Study on the State of the Indian Farmers in 2004. The study, inter alia, observed that there has been significant increase in horizontal and vertical integration of agriculture markets, which improved the process of price discovery and transmission of price signals from deficit to surplus areas. Strong network of institutional infrastructure has been created to help farmers and improve the marketing system. The price policy has helped in increasing the production of cereals, achieving self sufficiency in staple foodgrains and improving the physical and economic access to staple foodgrains.