

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

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

- (a) whether the prices of grains and essential commodities available at Fair Price Shops under the Public Distribution System (PDS) for the people living Below the Poverty Line and the prices of the said commodities in the open market are almost equal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government to reduce the prices of essential commodities like sugar and kerosene under the PDS?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE)

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c): The steps being taken by the Government to contain price rise of essential commodities including sugar and kerosene oil are at Annex.