

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ARRIVAL OF ONIONS IN MANDIS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is keeping a close watch on the arrival of onions in the Mandis to see if there is need for policy intervention to check the rising prices of onions; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): The Government is keeping a close watch on the arrival of onions in the Mandis to see if there is need for policy intervention to check the rising prices of onions. Various agencies are involved in collection and dissemination of data on arrival and prices of onion. Directorate of Marketing and Inspection

(DMI) under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) collects/hosts the data on Agmarknet Portal. The other agencies involved in the collection of arrival and price data are National Horticulture Board and Small Farmers' Agribusiness Consortium (SFAC) under DAC. Additionally, National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF) collects information on onion arrival and prices on a daily basis from the major producing and consuming markets which is available on their website www.nhrdf.com.