

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

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

- (a) the details of works undertaken by the Price Monitoring Cell (PMC) other than monitoring the prices of essential commodities;
- (b) whether the Government has undertaken any evaluation of the working of PMC, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER FOR
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) : Besides monitoring of prices, the PMC is also associated with appraisal of the price trends for review by the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) on Prices, examination of commodity specific policy proposals of other Departments, analysis as well as revision of Wholesale/Consumer Price Indices and conduction on the spot inspection of prices of specific essential food items.

(b) & (c) : Based on an evaluation done during the formulation of the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-17) a new Plan Scheme for Strengthening of Price Monitoring Cell was introduced. The Scheme is under implementation w.e.f 1.4.2014 with the objective of strengthening the existing mechanism of price monitoring both at the centre and state level.
