

Retail consumer prices of essential commodities

205. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price rise of essential commodities including edible oils; sugar, vegetables, pulses, onions etc. in retail consumer markets since 2nd of November, 1990; and

(b) what are the measures proposed to counteract inflationary pressure on these commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN): (a) A statement showing the retail prices of selected essential commodities as on 31-10-90, 7-11-90 and 19-12-90 (latest available) and the variations in prices during this period is attached (See below)

(b) In order to contain the inflationary pressures in the economy, Government has introduced a multi-pronged strategy. Both long-term and short-term measures are being taken for the purpose. These include fiscal and monetary discipline through efforts to curb Government expenditure and reduction in the rate of monetary expansion, and effective management of supply of essential commodities. The supply management measures broadly include; increase in production of essential commodities, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System and setting up of vigilance committees for ensuring its smooth functioning, strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities Act and other regulatory measures, and augmenting domestic supplies through imports wherever necessary so as to check any abnormal rise in the prices of essential commodities.

Statement

Retail Prices of Essential Commodities at Selected Centres

(Rs. per kg.)

Commodity	Retail Prices as on			Difference in price	
	31-10-90	7-11-90	19-12-90	19-12-90	19-12-90
	*	*		31-10-90	7-11-90
1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Rice</i>					
Delhi	5.50	5.50	5.00	-0.50	-0.50
Bombay	5.00	5.00	4.80	-0.20	+0.20
Calcutta	5.00
Madras	4.70	4.70	5.00	+0.30	+0.30
<i>Wheat</i>					
Delhi	3.10	3.10	3.10	Steady	Steady
Bombay	4.00	3.60	4.50	+0.50	+0.90

*Nearest week ending information as on 2-11-90 received from the State Governments.

1	2	3	4	5	6
Calcutta					
Madras	3 50	3 60	4.25	+0 75	+0 65
Hyderabad	2 60	2 60	2 60	Steady	Steady
Gram :					
Delhi	11 10	11 00	10 50	- 0 60	- 0 50
Bombay	12 60	12 00	10 00	- 2 00	- 2 00
Calcutta			9 50		
Madras	11.00	11 00	9.50	- 1 50	- 1 50
Arhar					
Delhi	15 65	15 50	14 00	- 1 65	- 1.50
Bombay	15 00	16 40	16 00	- 1 00	- 0 40
Calcutta			16 50		
Madras	14 50	14.50	15.00	- 0 50	+0 50
Sugar :					
Delhi	9.10	9 10	9 00	- 0 10	- 0.10
Calcutta			9 20		
Madras	8 10	8 10	8 00	- 0 10	- 0 10
Hyderabad	7 80	7 80	8.10	+0 30	+0 30
Gur :					
Delhi	7 40	7 00	6 00	- 1 40	- 1 60
Calcutta			5 00		
Madras	7 00	7.00	7 50	+0 50	40 50
Hyderabad	4 50	4 50	4 75	+0 25	40.25
Salt :					
Delhi	2.00	2 00	2 00	Steady	Steady
Bombay	2 00	1 90	2.00	Steady	40 10
Calcutta			2 00		
Madras		2.25	2.20		-0 05

1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>Vanaspati :</i>					
Delhi	37 00	35.25	34.50	- 2.50	- 0.75
Bombay	38 00	38.00	38.00	Steady	Steady
Calcutta			37.00		
Madras	41.00	41.00	39.00	- 2.00	- 2.00
<i>Groundnut oil :</i>					
Delhi	40.00	41.00			
Bombay	34.00	33.00	35.00	+1.00	+2.00
Madras	33.00	33.00	34.00	+1.00	+1.00
Hyderabad	31.00	31.00	32.50	+1.50	+1.50
<i>Mustard Oil :</i>					
Delhi	30.65	31.00	32.00	+1.35	+1.00
Bombay	42.00	33.00	34.00	- 8 00	+1.00
Calcutta			33.00		
Madras					
<i>Tea :</i>					
Delhi	57.40	57.85	55.00	- 2.40	- 2.85
Madras	66.00	66.00	76.00	+10.00	+16.00
Hyderabad	44.00	46.00	58.00	+14.00	+12.00
Lucknow		63.00	64.00		+1.00
<i>Potatoes</i>					
Delhi	3.65	3.65	2.50	-1.15	-1.15
Bombay	3 30	4.00	5 00	+1.70	+1.00
Calcutta	4.50		3.80	- 0 70	
Madras	5.00	5.00	6.00	+1 00	+1.00
<i>Onion :</i>					
Delhi	6 40	6 50	7 50	+1 10	+1 10
Bombay	4.50	4.50	6 00	+1 50	+1.50
Shimla	7.00	7 60	8 00	+1 60	+1.00
Madras	3.50	3.50	5 50	+2 60	+2.00