

(in LMT)

Product	April-June, 09	April-June, 08
Urea	45.89	45.89
DAP	13.53	8.84
Complex	16.21	13.61

Department of Fertilizers is having constant interaction with Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, GAIL and other prospective suppliers of NG/LNG so that gas requirement of the fertilizers industry is met adequately. In case of Phosphatic fertilizer, the prices of inputs/raw material/intermediates have declined in the international market. The companies are entering into contracts for procuring these inputs. Further, Department of Fertilizer has permitted SPIC-Tuticorin to enter into production and marketing arrangement with MCF-Mangalore.

Prices of essential commodities

2298. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of the prices of essential commodities *i.e.* pulses and foodgrains in the open market during the last one year;

(b) whether Government is considering measures to improve the PDS in the country to off set the price hike of essential commodities;

(c) whether Government is also considering to provide more essential commodities through the PDS; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) In order to make foodgrains available for targeted poor population of the country, Government allocates foodgrains under TPDS to States/UTs @ 35 kg per family per month for 6.52 Crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) including the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families. Government has also maintained the Central Issue Price (CIP) for rice at Rs. 5.65 per kg for BPL and Rs. 3 per kg for AAY) and wheat at Rs. 4.15 per kg for BPL and Rs. 2 per kg for AAY since July 2002 and has thus protected the families living below Poverty line (BPL) and beneficiaries of Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY).

(c) and (d) Details indicating additional commodities being distributed through PDS outlets other than Wheat, Rice, Coarsegrains, Sugar, Kerosene oil (as reported by respective State/UTs) are enclosed as Statement.

Statement

*Details of additional commodities being distributed through PDS outlets
other than wheat, rice, coarsegrains, sugar and kerosene oil
(as reported by respective State/UT). As on 30.06.2009*

Sl. No.	State/UT	Name of item/ commodity	Additional Commodities (except rice, wheat, coarsegrain, sugar and kerosene) being distributed through PDS outlets at:—	
			Subsidized rates	Normal rate
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1. Enriched Wheat floor	Rs. 10/- per kg.	Rs. 20/- to 25/- per kg.
		2. Iodized Salt (G.M)	Rs. 4/- per kg.	Rs. 8/- per kg. and above
		3. Red Gram Dal	Rs. 30/- per kg.	Rs. 40/- per kg. and above
		4. Tamarind	Rs. 30/- per kg. Gr.I	Rs. 34/- to 35/- per kg.
		5. P. Oil	Rs. 30/- per kg.	Rs. 40/- to 46/- per kg.
		6. Black Gram Dal	Rs. 45/- per liter.	Rs. 48/- to 55/- per liter.
		7. Green Gram Dal	Rs. 43/- per kg.	Rs. 55/- per kg.
		8. Palmolein Oil	Rs. 42/- per kg. Rs. 45/-	Rs. 52/- per kg. Rs. 59/- and above
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	— Edible Oil	These items are sold on FPS outlets at the normal rates	Normal Rates for all the items
		— Pulses		
		— Vanaspati Ghee		
		— Milk Powder		
		— Baby Food		
		— Dry Cells		
		— Matches		
		— All types of soap		
		— Paper including newsprint, paper board and straw board		
		— Hurricane Lanterns		
		— Lead writing pencils		
		— Exercise books		
		— Butter		
		— Tea		
		— Yarn		
3.	Assam	1. Iodised salt under State Zonal quota	Rs. 4.70/- per kg. (powder packet)	Rs. 8/- to Rs. 10/- per kg.
		2. -do-	Rs. 3.50/- per kg (crushed)	Nil

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Bihar	<p>The State Government has issued instruction to all District Collectors to sold the following additional items other than PDS items through FPS.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Milk and Milk Products. 2. Cosmetic for use of rural areas 3. Daily use items <i>i.e.</i> Salt, Tea, Pulses, Stationary items, Soap, Toothpaste, Edible oil etc. 4. 5 kg. LPG Cylinder. 5. Postal items. 6. Operate the telephone booth for BSNL and other than private companies, sim card and recharge coupon etc. 		
5.	Chhattisgarh	Iodized Amrit Salt	25 paise per kg. for BPL, AAY and ANP families	Rs. 4.00 per kg. for APL families
6.	Delhi	No additional commodities is sold through FPS on subsidized rates	No additional commodities is sold through FPS on subsidized rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Iodised Salt — All types of edible oil — All kinds of pulses — Candles — Spices — Soaps/detergent powder — Toothpaste — Tea leaves
7.	Goa	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sugar 2. Tur dal 3. Masur dal 4. Joggary 5. Rava 6. Atta 7. Maida 8. Tea 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — — — — — — — — 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rs. 17/- to 21/- per kg. Rs. 42/- to 46/- per kg. Rs. 55/- per kg. Rs. 22/- to 24/- per kg. Rs. 18/- to 20/- per kg. Rs. 11/- to 17/- per kg. Rs. 17/- to 18/- per kg. Rs. 90/- to 150/- per kg.

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		9. Palmoleine Oil	—	Rs. 50/- per packet.
		10. Urd dal	—	Rs. 50/- per kg.
		11. Watana	—	Rs. 30/- to 44/- per kg.
		12. Nachani	—	Rs. 13/- per kg.
		13. Green Peas	—	Rs. 32/- per kg.
		14. Masur	—	Rs. 45/- per kg.
		15. Ground nut	—	Rs. 50/- per kg.
		16. Moong dal	—	Rs. 50/- per kg.
		17. Moong	—	Rs. 42/- to 45/- per kg.
		18. Pohe	—	Rs. 22/- per kg.
		19. Salt	—	Rs. 5/- to 8/- per kg.
		20. Coconuts	—	Rs. 6/- to 10/- per kg.
		21. Jodhala	—	Rs. 12/- per kg.
		22. Bajari	—	Rs. 12/- per kg.
		23. Exercise books (100 pages)	—	Rs. 12/-
		Exercise books (200 pages)	—	Rs. 18/-
8.	Gujarat	1. Iodized Salt	1. Iodized Salt —	—
		2. Edible Oil	Rs. 0.50 per kg.	
			2. Edible Oil — Lower price than the open market price	
9.	Haryana	The State Government has issued instructions to all District Food and Supply Officer to sell also items other than PDS items <i>i.e.</i> Pulses, Copies, Vegetable Oil, Candle, Match Box, Salt and Soap through FPS and the State Government has no objection in regard.	—	—
10.	Himachal Pradesh	1.. Dal Malka	Rs. 20 per kg.	Rs. 37 per kg.
		2. Dal Channa	Rs. 25 per kg.	Rs. 33 per kg.
		3. Urad Sabut	Rs. 25 per kg.	Rs. 39 per kg.
		4. Mustard Oil	Rs. 45 per kg.	Rs. 65 per kg.
		5. Refined Oil	Rs. 40 per kg.	Rs. 55 per kg.
		6. Iodized Salt	Rs. 4 per kg.	Rs. 8 per kg.

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11.	Jammu and Kashmir	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS.	—	—
12.	Jharkhand	Iodised salt	2 kg. for BPL family per month @ Rs. 0.25 per kg.	
13.	Karnataka	The State Government has intimated that no non-PDS items are being supplied through FPS in Karnataka State		
14.	Kerala	1. Green Gram	36.00	48.00
		2. U.D. Washed	49.00	67.75
		3. U.D. Split	47.00	62.30
		4. B.G. Bold	29.00	47.00
		5. Lobia	27.00	42.50
		6. Toor dal	29.00	39.50
		7. Peas dal	19.00	29.00
		8. Chillies	57.00	87.75
		9. Corriander	35.00	57.50
		10. Cumin seed	96.00	39.50
		11. Mustard	23.00	36.00
		12. Methi	30.00	48.25
		13. Sabari tea	75.00	87.00
		14. Sabari Palm Oil 1 ltr.	47.00	48.00
		15. Free flow salt 1 kg.	5.00	6.00
		16. Crystal Salt 1 kg.	2.75	4.00
15.	Madhya Pradesh	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS.	—	—
16.	Maharashtra	Not reported		
17.	Manipur	Not reported		
18.	Meghalaya	Not reported		
19.	Mizoram	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS	Nil	Nil
20.	Nagaland	Not reported		

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21. Orissa	The Government has allowed to FPS owners to sale non-PDS commodities in FPS. FPS have been allowed to operate Public Telephone Booth.			
22. Punjab	The State Government has intimated that a large number of FPS are already selling non-PDS alongwith PDS items.			
23. Rajasthan	Iodized Salt.			
24. Sikkim	FPSs in the State are permitted to sell all consumer items, however, no subsidy is provided to the additional items/ commodities sold by them.			
25. Tamil Nadu	1. Toor Dal	Rs. 34.00 per kg.	Rs. 40.00 per kg.	
	2. Oral Dal	Rs. 40.00 per kg.	Rs. 46.00 per kg.	
	3. Palm Oil	Rs. 40.00 per liter	Rs. 50.00 per liter	
	4. Rava	Rs. 17.00 per kg.	Rs. 22.00 per kg.	
	5. Maida	Rs. 16.00 per kg.	Rs. 20.00 per kg.	
	6. Fortified wheat flour.	Rs. 11.00 per kg.	Rs. 17.00 per kg.	
	7. Turmeric Powder-50 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	8. Chill Powder-250 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	9. Coriander Powder-250 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	10. Channa Dal-75 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	11. Methi Dal-25 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	12. Mustard-25 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	13. Soump-25 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	14. Pepper-25 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	15. Zeera-50 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
	16. Lavang-10 gms.	Rs. 50/- per packet	Rs. 71.30	
26. Tripura	1. Atta (wheat is converted into whole meal atta)	Rs. 8.75 per kg.	Not furnished	
	2. Iodized Salt in I (one) kg poly packet	Rs. 3.50 per kg.	Not furnished	

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27. Uttaranchal	Not reported	—	—	
28. Uttar Pradesh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Soap — Toothpaste — Oil — Pulses — Iodized Salt — Tea — ORS Tablet — Condom and Sanitary napkins 	These items are sold on FPS outlets at the normal rates	Normal Rates for all the items	
29. West Bengal	1. Mustard Oil Iodized Salt (a) Essential (b) Labonya	Rs. 50/- litre Rs. 3.50 per kg. Rs. 5.50 per kg.	Consumer price has been fixed by the Government at a rate 10% lower than that of the open market.	
30. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS.	—	—	
31. Chandigarh	FPS are granted to the karyana merchants who apart from distributing the Essential commodities under TPDS to BPL and AAY are also retailing grocery items and other items of daily use like Toothpaste, soaps, detergent powder, tea, salt, match boxes etc.	—	—	
32. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	No item other than PDS items is sold through FPS.	—	—	
33. Daman and Diu	Not reported			
34. Lakshadweep	1. Atta 2. Maidha 3. Green gram 4. Toor Dal 5. Palm oil	—	Normal Rates for all the items.	

1	2	3	4	5
		6. Coconut oil		
		7. Chillies		
		8. Spices		
		9. Tea dust		
		10. Milk products		
		11. Detergent powder		
		12. Toilet soaps		
		13. Salt		
		14. Cement		
		15. Steel		
		16. River sand		
		17. Granite metal		
		18. Cloth items		
		19. Electrical goods etc.		
35. Pondicherry	1. Toor Dal	Rs. 34/- per Kg.	Rs. 50/- per kg.	
	2. Black Gram Dal	Rs. 26/- per kg.	Rs. 40/- per kg.	
	3. Coriander	Rs. 59/- per kg.	Rs. 100/- per kg.	
	4. Chillies	Rs. 18.50/- half kg.	Rs. 65/- per kg.	
	5. Iodised Powdered Salt	Nil	Rs. 3.50	
	6. Tamarind	Nil	Rs. 17.50	
	7. Palm Oil	Rs. 40/- per litre	Rs. 53/- per litre	

Number of beneficiaries under Food Security Act

‡2299. SHRI BRIJ BHUSHAN TIWARI: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has proposed to bring down the existing number of 10.68 crore beneficiaries of cheaper foodgrains to 5.9 crore under Food Security Act; and

(b) if so, the rationale therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) As per the existing allocation norms for foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), States and UTs are being allocated foodgrains for 6.52 crore Below Poverty Line (BPL) and Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families. This number of BPL families is based on 1993-94 poverty estimates and March, 2000 population estimates. However, based on 2004-05 poverty estimates and March, 2009 population estimates, number of BPL families works out to 5.91 crores. As against this, States and UTs have issued excess BPL ration cards. Total number of such cards, as reported by 30.06.2009 is 10.86 crore.

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.