

- (ii) Adequate dunnage materials, fumigation covers and chemicals be provided in all the godowns.
- (iii) Prophylactic and curative treatments be carried out regularly and timely for the control of stored grain insect pests and rodents.
- (iv) Foodgrains in 'Cover and Plinth' (CAP) storage be stored on elevated plinths and wooden crates to be used as dunnage material. Stacks should be properly covered with specifically fabricated low-density black polythene water proof covers and tied with nylon ropes/nets.
- (v) Regular inspections of the stocks/godowns be undertaken by qualified and trained staff of FCI.
- (vi) The principle of "First-In-First-Out" (FIFO) be adopted to the extent possible so as to avoid longer storage of foodgrains in godowns.
- (vii) Only covered wagons be used for movement of foodgrains so as to avoid damages during transit.
- (viii) Proper weighment and accounting be done at the time of receipt and issue.
- (ix) Transit losses in movement of foodgrains by rail be insured.
- (x) While transporting foodgrains from Depot to Rail head & vice-versa, escorts be provided.

#### **Comparative price of foodgrains**

‡2157. SHRI RAGHUNANDAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of prices of food-items, edible oils, pulses, cereals before March, 2009 and in March, 2010 in the country; and

(b) the break-up of prices, food-itemwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) The break up of prices of food-item wise—edible oils, pulses, cereals, sugar and vegetables (potato and onion), before March, 2009 and in March, 2010 in the country in 4 Metros viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai is given in Statement.

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**Statement**

*Retail Prices in Four Metros during January 2009 to  
March 2009 and in March 2010*

(Unit: Rs./Kg)

Sl.No.	January, 2009	February, 2009	March, 2009	March, 2010
1	2	3	4	5
<b>Rice</b>				
Delhi	22	22	21.5	23
Mumbai	18.23	18	17.6	19.79
Kolkata	14	14	14	17.44
Chennai	18	18	18	20
<b>Wheat</b>				
Delhi	13	13	13.1	15.1
Mumbai	16	15.85	15.63	19.26
Kolkata	NT	NT	NT	NT
Chennai	18	18	18	21.37
<b>Gram</b>				
Delhi	35.38	35	34.13	34.31
Mumbai	33.95	33.85	33.45	33.95
Kolkata	35	36.2	33.1	34.11
Chennai	34.05	34.65	34	32
<b>Tur Dal</b>				
Delhi	49.9	51.4	53.73	68.38
Mumbai	49.2	51.4	50.85	64.21
Kolkata	43.35	49.05	45.25	63.11
Chennai	49.6	56.2	58	65.42

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Urad Dal</b>				
Delhi	46	46	45.1	64.67
Mumbai	47.25	47.05	47.85	67.32
Kolkata	36	37.1	36.3	59.89
Chennai	46.2	48.8	48	66.42
<b>Moong Dal</b>				
Delhi	45.08	45.5	45.75	76.1
Mumbai	47.55	48.55	51.1	85.97
Kolkata	44.7	49.2	45.7	86.17
Chennai	45.15	48.7	49.3	81.74
<b>Masoor Dal</b>				
Delhi	61.25	62	54.4	56.31
Mumbai	58.25	58.3	51.95	52.11
Kolkata	54.7	56.65	59.15	51.06
<b>Chennai</b>				50
<b>Sugar</b>				
Delhi	22.15	24.82	24.57	36.83
Mumbai	22.02	23.7	24.5	37.53
Kolkata	21.45	22.75	23.05	36.83
Chennai	21	21.35	21.85	34.68
<b>Groundnut Oil</b>				
Delhi	109.75	104.15	101.75	114.52
Mumbai	87.1	90.8	93.9	78.42

1	2	3	4	5
Kolkata	86	92	97.35	88.06
Chennai	65.9	63.95	61	73.79
<b>Mustard Oil</b>				
Delhi	77	74.45	67.8	67.48
Mumbai	84.3	80.9	73.55	68.21
Kolkata	78	75.4	67.15	61.33
Chennai	82.73	82.35	80.75	68.42
<b>Vanaspati</b>				
Delhi	54.8	52.65	51.35	55.52
Mumbai	55.05	55	54.45	51.68
Kolkata	43.35	44.4	45.2	39.28
Chennai	56.4	55.35	55.65	54.42
<b>Potato</b>				
Delhi	8.05	6	7.58	8.48
Mumbai	9.4	9	9.75	11.47
Kolkata	5	5.35	7.3	4
Chennai	12	10	10.4	10.53
<b>Onion</b>				
Delhi	21.3	18.23	17.55	17.38
Mumbai	19	14.93	14.95	13.58
Kolkata	18.7	16.95	15.45	11.78
Chennai	21.6	17.3	14.7	12.74

1	2	3	4	5
<b>Salt (Packed)</b>				
Delhi	11	11	11	12
Mumbai	11	11	11	12
Kolkata	7	7.55	8	8
Chennai	11	11	11	12

**NB:**

- 1) Prices at different centres may vary due to varietal differences.
- 2) Prices for the month are of average of daily reported prices.

Source: State/Uts civil supplies Department.

#### **Proper use of foodgrains**

†2158. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether due to shortage of foodgrains storage facilities in some States they are on the verge of rotting;

(b) whether States like Chhattisgarh, etc. are demanding foodgrains to save lower middle class families from the effect of cost escalation of foodgrains;

(c) whether the suggestion of making proper use of the foodgrains by giving them to such States is being implemented; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir. However, some stocks get damaged due to various reasons such as rains, floods, cyclone, pests, rodents and fungus infestation of stocks etc.

(b) to (d) The Government has received representations from some States including Chhattisgarh for increase in APL allocation of foodgrains over and above the normal Targetted Public Distribution System allocation. The Government has allocated 30.66 lakh tonnes of foodgrains for all

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